

HIGH-LEVEL REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON ACCESSIONS FOR ARAB REGION:

SESSION 3:

**Round Table Discussion on “Experience Sharing & Lessons Learned from
WTO Accessions”**

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Accession Negotiations – Multilateral Track



Accession	WP Established	MFTR	1 st WP Meeting	Last WP Meeting	Factual Summary	Draft Working Party Report	# of documents issued	# of questions responded (# of questions asked in the latest round)
Algeria	06/1987	07/1996 08/2001	04/1998	12WPM 03/2014	05/2003	06/2004 (E-DWPR) 08/2005 (DWPR) 06/2006 (Rev.1) 02/2013 (Rev.2) 02/2014 (Rev.3)	105	1897 (133)
Sudan*	10/1994	01/1999 10/2016	07/2003	4WPM 07/2017	09/2004 06/2017 12/2017 01/2019	-	108	917
Lebanese Republic	04/1999	06/2001	10/2002	7WPM 10/2009	06/2004 12/2005	03/2007 (E-DWPR) 10/2008 (DWPR) 10/2009 (Rev.1) 04/2017 (Rev.2)	134	834
Libya	07/2004	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Iraq	12/2004	09/2005 02/2018	05/2007	2WPM 04/2008 (+Inf. WPM 11/2017)	-	-	19	335 (267)
Comoros*	10/2007	10/2013	12/2016	5WPM 09/2020	04/2017	09/2017 (E-DWPR) 02/2018 (DWPR) 06/2020 (Rev.1)	45	638 (126)
Syrian Arab Republic	05/2010	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Somalia*	12/2016	04/2020	-	-	-	-	3	(176)

Notes: * LDC.

Arab Accessions Outcome – Multilateral Track



Accession	WP established	MFTR	1WP meeting	Final WP meeting	Membership	Duration	Factual Summary	DWPR (First & last revision)	# of documents issued	# of questions responded
Jordan	01/1994	10/1994	10/1996	5WPM 11/1999	04/2000	6 years 3 months	N/A	04/1999 (E-DWPR) 10/1999 11/1999 (Rev.1)	53	929
Oman	06/1996	10/1996	04/1997	6WPM 07/2000	11/2000	4 years 7 months	03/1998	03/1999 (E-DWPR) 09/1999 06/2000 (Rev.3)	52	808
Saudi Arabia	07/1993	05/1996	05/1996	14WPM 10/2005	12/2005 (149 th)	12 years 5 months	10/1998	01/2000 07/2005 (Rev.6)	98	1218
Yemen*	07/2000	11/2002	11/2004	11WPM 09/2013	06/2014	13 years 11 months	09/2005	09/2008(E-DWPR) 12/2009 12/2012 (Rev.5)	98	1164

Round Table questions



Acceding Governments:

- 1) What are the biggest challenges in your accession?
- 2) What is required to overcome these challenges?

Questions to Article XII members:

- 1) What have been the main benefits of WTO membership for your country?
- 2) What advice would you provide to acceding governments attending the High-Level Dialogue?

More information

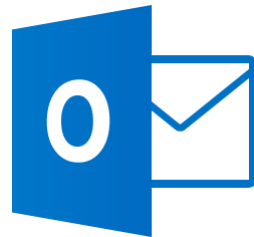


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