

Invitation to participate in Focus Group sessions on the development aspects of the implementation of the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement



Aid for Trade Global Review, World Trade Organisation (WTO)
Thursday 4 July 8:00 – 11:45 Room 1111

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Three brief learning sessions with developing country representatives to share experiences and identify lessons on key trade facilitation themes of capacity development, regional aspects and private sector engagement. The focus group sessions will be organised in small groups and will give developing country members an opportunity to articulate to what extent they see the themes as important considerations and why.

Light snacks and beverages will be provided for focus group participants.

8:00 – 8:45 Theme 1 CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Has capacity of relevant actors, such as NTFC members increased as a result of development partner support? If not, why not and how could learning be enhanced? How can we ensure that global Trade Facilitation knowledge is translated and applied at the national level?

9:00 – 09:45 Theme 2 REGIONAL ASPECTS

What is the role of regional organisations in reinforcing the WTO Trade Facilitation regime and how could this be further strengthened?

11:00 – 11:45 Theme 3 PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

How can private sector engagement in domestic Trade Facilitation reform processes be strengthened? What are key private sector incentives in Trade Facilitation reforms and how can these be operationalised?

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