



The United Nations
Economic and Social Commission for Western
Asia (ESCWA)



The Islamic Development Bank (IDB)

**WORKSHOP FOR ARAB COUNTRIES ON THE RESULTS OF THE TENTH WTO
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND POST-NAIROBI WORK**

Draft Programme

DAY ONE 22- February 2016

Registration: 08:30 – 09:00

OPENING SESSION: 09:00 – 09:30

Welcoming statements

- Representative of the Ministry of Trade, Jordan
- Representative of IDB
- Representative of ESCWA

Coffee break: 09:30 – 09:45

SESSION I: 09:45 – 11:00

Brief Introduction to the Doha Development Agenda: Context of the Nairobi Ministerial Conference and Overview of its Results

Presenter:

This session will recap the issues under the DDA negotiations. It will also explain the situation leading to the MC10.

SESSION II: 11:00 – 12.30

Agriculture

- Special Safeguard Mechanism for Developing Country Members
- Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes
- Export Competition

Presenter

This session will provide a background on agriculture negotiations, an indepth analysis of the agreement on Agriculture reached in Nairobi, its main features and main implementation arrangements.

Lunch Break : 12.30-14.00

SESSION II: 11:00 – 12.30
Agriculture
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Special Safeguard Mechanism for Developing Country Members- Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes- Export Competition
Presenter
This session will provide a background on agriculture negotiations, an indepth analysis of the agreement on Agriculture reached in Nairobi, its main features and main implementation arrangements.

SESSION III: 14:00 – 15.30
Agriculture, continuation

SESSION IV: 15.30-16.30
Development issues: Mr. Ashraf Mokhtar

DAY TWO
23 February 2016

Session I- 09:00- 10:45

LDC issues:

- Preferential Rules of Origin for Least Developed Countries
- Implementation of Preferential Treatment in trade in services for LDCs

Presenters, Mr. Ashraf Mokhtar

Coffee Break: 10:45-11:00

Session II: 11:00-12:30

The proposed New issues under the WTO

This session will address the new issues proposed by some WTO members, the status of this proposal and the likely implications of taking them into the WTO agenda

Presenters, Mr. Ashraf Mokhtar

Lunch Break: 12.30-14.00

Session III- 14:00- 15.30

Importance of Trade facilitation for the Arab region

Chair: IsDB

This session will provide a general background on the importance and the need for Trade facilitation in the Arab region.

Presenter: Adel Al Ghaberi, ESCWA

Session IV: 15.30-16.30

The proposed New issues under the WTO

The TFA, progress and procedures

Chair: IsDB

This session will provide an overview of the TFA, ratifications and prospects for implementation as well as the status of implementation of the TFA measures in the Arab region.

Presenters: Adel Alghaberi, ESCWA

Coffee Break and bilateral discussions: 16.30-17.00

DAY THREE
24 February 2016

Session I: 09.00- 10.00
Trade in Services negotiations Presenters: Mr. Ahmad Hammad

Coffee Break: 10.00-10.15

Panel discussion and closing 10.15- 11.15

Lunch Break: 12.30-14.00