



**National Training workshop on ESCWA's Arab Trade Simulator Interface
15-17 November 2022
Tunis, Tunisia**

Concept note

Background

As part of its effort in supporting members' states capacities when negotiating and implementing preferential trade arrangements and as a response to the requests of MSs for quantitative assessments of the impact of trade policy reforms on their economies, ESCWA has developed the Arab Trade Simulator Interface (ATSI). The ATSI is a trade simulation tool that allows trade policymakers and negotiators to use the ESCWA's Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) model to run large sets of trade simulations that cover alternative trade agreement scenarios and potential global trade shocks.

Following the request of the Ministry of Trade and Export Promotion in Tunisia, ESCWA is organizing a national training workshop in Tunis, as part of its technical assistance provided to Member states, on the use of ATSI and trade analysis.

Objectives

This training workshop is a capacity building activity intended to train national trade policymakers and analyst on how to use of ATSI when conducting an ex-ante assessment analysis by running concrete scenario examples and analyzing the results generated.

Outcomes

By the end of the workshop, beneficiaries will be able to perform trade simulations using the ATSI tool, understand on their own the rationale behind the ex-ante assessment tools used in trade policy reform, and recognize the significant role of evidence-based policymaking in the development of national trade policy.

Participants

National officials from the ministry of Trade and Export Promotion of Tunisia will attend and participate in the workshop.

Agenda



Première journée : Mardi 15 Novembre 2022

9 :30 – 10 :00	Inscription
10 :00 – 11 :00	Session 1 : Revue des principaux outils d'évaluation ex-ante des politiques commerciales et des chocs extérieurs
11 :00 – 11 :30	Pause-café
11 :30 – 13 :00	Session 2 : Caractéristiques techniques du modèle économique de la plateforme de simulation des politiques commerciales arabes (ATSI)
13 :00 – 14 :00	Pause Déjeuner
14 :00 – 15 :00	Session 3 : Composantes et fonctionnalité de la Plateforme de simulation des politiques économiques arabes (ATSI)

Deuxième Journée : Mercredi 16 Novembre 2022

9 :30 – 11 :00	Session 4 : Application sur l'interface ATSI : Scenario 1
11 :00 – 11 :30	Pause-café
11 :30 – 13 :00	Session 5 : Application sur l'interface ATSI : Scenario 2
13 :00 – 14 :00	Pause Déjeuner
14 :00 – 15 :00	Session 6 : Application sur l'interface ATSI : Scenario 3

Troisième Journée : Jeudi 17 Novembre 2022

9 :30 – 11 :00	Session 7 : Application sur l'interface ATSI : Scenario 4
11 :00 – 11 :30	Pause-Café
11 :30 – 13 :00	Session 8 : Application sur l'interface ATSI : Scenario 5
13 :00 – 14 :00	Session 9 : Discussion générale sur le développement de la plateforme et de ses usages
14 :00 – 15 :00	Conclusion de l'atelier et identification des besoins du ministère en matière d'assistance technique dans le domaine de la défense commerciale



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