



“Information Seminar for Journalists and Economists on the World Trade Organization (WTO)”

Geneva, 24 to 27 March 2015

Tuesday, 24 March 2015

9:30-10:00	Welcome and Introduction Daniel Pruzin, Information Officer, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
10:00-11:15	Dispute Settlement Mechanism Gabrielle Marceau, Counsellor, Legal Affairs Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
11:15-12:45	Current developments at the WTO: the DDA Agriculture Keith Rockwell, Director, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-15:30	Agriculture Ulla Kask, Counsellor, Agriculture Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-17:15	Accession to the WTO Anna Varyanik, Legal Affairs Officer, Accessions Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)



Wednesday, 25 March 2015

9:15-10:45	The Trade Policy Review John Finn, Counsellor, Trade Policy Review Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:00	Experience sharing with trade journalist Bryce Baschuk, correspondent, Bloomberg BNA Daniel Pruzin, Information Officer, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization (WTO) and former correspondent, Bloomberg BNA
12:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:00	Practical guide to the WTO website Daniel Pruzin, Information Officer, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization (WTO) Jane Pickett, Webmaster, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization (WTO) Thomas Verbeet, Statistical Officer, Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
15:00-15:45	The legitimate use of non-tariff barriers Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Environment Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
15:45-17:00	Trade and Services Hamid Mamdouh, Director, Services Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)



Thursday, 26 March 2015

9:00-10:30	Regional Trade Agreements Maria Donner Abreu, Counsellor, Regional Trade Agreements Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
11:00-12:30	Meeting with Russian official Igor Kupalov, Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the UNO and other International Organizations in Geneva
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
15:00-17:00	Foreign Direct Investment and WTO Accession: which implications for Russia? Sergey Ripinsky, Legal affairs officer, International Investment Agreements (IIA) Section, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)



Friday, 27 March 2015

09:00-12:00	NTBs/NTM and introduction to the Trade Map Non-tariff Barriers: Rajesh Aggarwal, Chief, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, International Trade Centre, ITC Trade Map: Helen Lassen, Senior Market Analyst, Market Analysis and Research, International Trade Centre, ITC
12:00-13:30	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	Linking trade and investment with environmental and human rights policy Maxim Gubarev, Lawyer, World Trade Institute (WTI)
15:30-16:00	Evaluation and closure of workshop