



**UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
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**Expert Meeting on NTMs Classification and
PRONTO meeting**

5-6 October 2016, Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Agenda

Trade policy measures have shifted. The difference between trade policy, narrowly defined, and domestic regulations is increasingly blurred and the ability to gain market access depends increasingly on compliance with trade regulatory measures. Many such Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) such as SPS and TBT measures are also directly linked to the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) developed a taxonomy for NTMs, the International Classification of NTMs, that became a common language for the international trade community, including for researchers, regional and international organizations as well as governments. MAST group members are also involved in NTMs data collection that is coordinated by UNCTAD. A database that covers 80 per cent of world trade will be launched during the meeting.

The expert meeting follows up on the September 2015 Expert Meeting on NTMs Classification to take stock of the work that has been conducted on the further development and revision of the NTMs taxonomy. Six expert groups have been working on specific areas to revise and further develop the International Classification on Non-Tariff Measures. Participants of the meeting will be MAST group representatives and invited experts. Two sessions are dedicated to inform policy makers and delegates about the work on the NTMs classification, data and research.

The event is combined with a PRONTO meeting on NTMs. The PRONTO project is a collaborative research project on regulatory barriers to trade, supported by the European Commission.

MAST group members:



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Time		Subject	Chair and Speakers
Wednesday 5 October 2016 (Room XXVI)			
09.30 - 10.00	Registration Coffee		
10.00 - 11.30	Plenary Opening	Importance of regulatory measures for international trade and sustainable development. Work on NTMs data and classification.	TBC
11.30 - 13.00	Plenary Session	NTMs data and classification. MAST group work and PRONTO project. NTM data launch NTM research	TBC
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch		
14.30 - 15.30	Progress report in working groups (plenary)	(1) General: Chapters A to I and P (2) Rules of Origin	Chair: Joseph Francois, WTI (tbc) Speakers: Narmin Khalilova/ Samuel Munyaneza, UNCTAD Mondher Mimouni, ITC (tbc) Discussants: Ahmad Mukhtar, FAO Bernardo Calzadilla Sarmiento/Frank van Rompaey, UNIDO (tbc) Stefano Inama, UNCTAD
15.30 - 15.45	Coffee Break		
15.45 - 16.45	Progress report in working groups (plenary)	(3) Post-Sales Services and Distribution Restrictions (4) Intellectual Property	Chair: Bernard Hoekman, European University Institute (tbc) Speakers: Aaditya Mattoo, World Bank Christoph Spennemann, UNCTAD Discussants: Juan Marchetti, WTO (tbc) Wolf Meier-Ewert WTO (tbc) Carsten Fink, WIPO (tbc)
16.45 - 17.00	Coffee Break		
17.00 - 18.00	Progress report in working	(5) Government Procurement (6) Subsidies	Chair: Santiago Fernandez de Cordoba Speakers: Julien Gourdon, OECD

	groups (plenary)		Marc Bacchetta, WTO Discussants: Simon Evenett, Uni. St.Gallen (tbc) Ronald Steenblik, OECD (tbc)
Thursday 6 October 2016 (Room XXVI and small rooms)			
9.00 - 10.45	Technical meetings of the working groups (in parallel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General: Chapters A to I and P (room tbc) • Government Procurement (room tbc) 	Chairs: Narmin Khalilova/ Samuel Munyaneza, UNCTAD Julien Gourdon, OECD
10.45 - 12.30	Technical meetings of the working groups (in parallel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of Origin (room tbc) • Post-Sales Services and Distribution Restrictions (room tbc) 	Chairs: Mondher Mimouni, ITC Aaditya Mattoo, World Bank
12.30 - 15.00	<i>Lunch and ITC book launch "SME Competitiveness Outlook 2016"</i>		
15.00 - 16.45	Technical meetings of the working groups (in parallel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual Property (room tbc) • Subsidies (room tbc) 	Chairs: Christoph Spennemann, UNCTAD Marc Bacchetta, WTO
16.45 - 17.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
17.00 - 18.00	Wrap-up Session (plenary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The way forward (Room XXVI) 	Chair: Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD
End			

Friday 7 October: Additional PRONTO meeting with agencies and PRONTO meeting on Services Trade Restrictiveness (tbc)