



Workshop on Electronic Commerce
20-21 June 2017

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DAY 1: Tuesday 20 June

- 9.30 – 10.00 Opening session
- Welcoming remarks from WTO, UNCTAD, BFTI and Ministry of Commerce
- 10:00-10:30 H.E. Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh in Geneva
- Discussions on e-commerce and related issues in various international organizations in Geneva: issues and perspective for Bangladesh
- 10.30 – 11.15 Global e-commerce trade and technology trends
Ms Lee Tuthill, WTO and Mr Angel Gonzalez-Sanz, UNCTAD
- What is e-commerce
 - Patterns and trends
 - Emerging technologies and their implications
 - Trade issues arising from new technologies and trends
- 11.15 – 11.30 *Break*
- 11.30 - 12.15 Key policy and regulation for e-commerce readiness
Mr Angel Gonzalez-Sanz, UNCTAD
- E-commerce readiness assessments and strategies
 - Legal and regulatory frameworks (consumer protection, data protection and cybercrime legislation)
 - Cyberlaw Tracker and Index
 - Skills for e-commerce
 - Financing for e-commerce
- 12.15 - 13.00 Infrastructure for e-commerce facilitation
Ms Lee Tuthill, WTO
- ICT infrastructure and connectivity
 - Payment solutions for e-commerce
 - Trade logistics
- 13.00 – 13.45 *Break*
- 13.45 – 15.00 E-commerce in Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities
- Government perspectives
 - Private sector perspectives

- 15.00 – 15.45 WTO's Work Programme on Electronic Commerce
Ms Zainab Mchumo, WTO
- Definition
 - Ministerial Decisions and mandate
 - Discussions in various bodies
 - Horizontal discussions

15.45 – 16.00 *Break*

- 16.00 – 17.30 WTO Agreements and E-commerce
Ms Lee Tuthill, WTO
- General Agreement on Trade in Services
 - General Agreement on Trade in Goods
 - Other agreements

Interactive exercise (case study)

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DAY 2: Wednesday 21 June

- 9.30 – 10.30 Current discussions in the WTO on E-commerce
Ms Zainab Mchumo, WTO
- Members submissions
 - Formation of groups
 - Ongoing discussions

10.30 – 11.30 Presentation by the Bangladesh E-Commerce Association – *to be confirmed*

11.30 – 11.45 *Break*

11.45 – 13.00 Trade Linkages of issues raised in submissions
Ms Lee Tuthill, WTO

13.00 – 13.45 *Break*

- 13.45 – 15.00 E-commerce assistance programmes
- WTO
Ms Zainab Mchumo
 - technical assistance and capacity building
 - Aid for Trade
 - Enhanced Integrated Framework
 - UNCTAD
Mr Angel Gonzalez-Sanz
 - Introduction to eTrade for All
 - Other initiatives

15.00 – 16.30 Roundtable Discussion: E-commerce priorities for Bangladesh
Led by the Government of Bangladesh and facilitated by WTO and UNCTAD

16.30 – 17.00 Closing session

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