

Workshop

Executive Meeting on Negotiating and Drafting Rules of Origin (RoO) for the LDC WTO Group - November 2024 CRO

11 - 13 November 2024

Sala del Consiglio - Villa Salviati, Via Bolognese 156 - Florence

Scientific organiser:
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MONDAY 11 November 2024

Opening session

- 14:00 – 14:10 Opening statement
Paul Akiwumi | Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
- 14:10 – 14:20 Opening remarks
Coordinator of the LDC Group | World Trade Organization
- 14:20 – 14:50 Presentation of the workshop and UNCTAD's submission on convergence
Stefano Inama | UNCTAD

ITEM 1: The convening notices of the chairman of the WTO CRO and the work ahead

This session discusses the content on the convening notice of the chairman and the work ahead of the CRO.

- 14:50 – 15:20 The expectations of the WTO members for the CRO meeting of 21st - 22nd of November 2025
Darlan Marti | World Trade Organization
- 15:20 – 15:35 Interactive discussion
- 15:35 – 15:50 Coffee break

ITEM 2: Updates about matter arising on Rules of Origin at multilateral and regional level

This session discusses the specific RoO issues arising at multilateral and regional level.

- 15:50 – 16:15 Update from discussions and studies in WCO secretariat on best practices for origin certification and ongoing studies
Demba Seck | World Custom Organization
- 16:15 – 16:30 Interactive discussions
- 16:30 – 17:00 Presentation of recent studies carried out by UNCTAD/ADB on best practices in Asia and Pacific
Stefano Inama | UNCTAD
Pramila Crivelli | Asian Development Bank
- 17:00 – 17:15 Interactive discussion

TUESDAY 12 November 2024

ITEM 3: Presentations on Best practices as identified by LDCs

This session will present the previous submissions/presentations made by LDC at the CRO.

- 10:00 – 10:30 How to push forward the agenda on best practices as contained in the mandate of GC report.
- Statement of the LDC group of the agenda for the CRO of November and implications for the LDC group
Edem Kossi | LDC Core Group leader
Stefano Inama | UNCTAD
- 10:30 – 10:45 Interactive discussion
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 11:30 Presentation of Method of calculation of ad valorem percentage
Delegation of Zambia and Cambodia |
- 11:30 – 11:45 Interactive discussion
- 11:45 – 12:15 Presentation of Level of ad valorem percentages
Delegation of Cambodia, Mozambique and Zambia |
- 12:15 – 12:30 Interactive discussion
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

ITEM 4: Continued: Presentation

- 14:00 – 14:40 Presentation of Best practices to determine substantial transformation using Change of Tariff classification Criterion
Delegation of Togo, Bangladesh and Senegal |
- 14:40 – 14:55 Interactive discussion
- 14:55 – 15:25 Presentation of Best practices concerning documentary evidence of direct consignment
Delegation of Nepal and Burkina Faso |
- 15:25 – 15:40 Interactive discussion
- 15:40 – 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 – 16:30 Presentation on Best practices regarding proof of origin and small consignments
Delegation of Guinea and Senegal |
- 16:30 – 17:00 Interactive discussion

WEDNESDAY 13 November 2024

10:00 – 10:30	Presentation on Identified best practices on cumulation provisions Delegation of Madagascar and Senegal
10:30 – 11:00	Interactive discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation on What future for US trade preferences (GSP and AGOA)? Delegation of Niger, Madagascar and Togo
12:00 – 12:30	Interactive discussion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

ITEM 5: The topics for next submissions in 2025

This session discusses in depth the forthcoming LDC submissions for the CRO of April 2025 on the basis of chairman's convening notices.

14:00 – 14:30	Report on the study on cumulation submission Stefano Inama UNCTAD
14:30 – 14:45	Interactive discussion
14:45 – 15:15	Discussion on the topic of next submissions: (i) level of ad valorem percentage requirements; (ii) specific working or processing criteria and (iii) small consignments. Stefano Inama UNCTAD
15:15 – 15:25	Interactive discussion
15:25 – 15:40	How to identify firms in LDC and work ahead Regina Ledesma UNCTAD
15:40 – 15:55	Interactive discussion

ITEM 6: Update on utilization rate and GSP website

15:55 – 16:25	Discussion on utilization rate Stefano Inama UNCTAD
16:25 – 16:40	Coffee break
16:40 – 17:10	Improvements to UNCTAD GSP website Regina Ledesma UNCTAD
17:10 – 17:25	Interactive discussion
17:25 – 18:15	Cocktail