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at 14:00 h (Bangkok time zone – GMT/UTC + 7 hours)
and 9:00 am Geneva and Rome time).

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

14:00 h	<p>Opening of the Session</p> <p>Mr. Simon Funge Smith, Moderator Senior Fishery Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p>
14:05 h	<p>The History of the Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies at the WTO and its Current Status</p> <p>Ambassador Santiago Wills (Colombia) Chair of the Negotiating Group on Rules at the WTO</p>
14:25 h	<p>Session Break</p>
14:30 h	<p>The Fisheries International Framework, the Main Pillars of the WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies and their Crosslinks with FAO Instruments</p> <p>Mr. Marcio Castro de Souza Senior Fishery Officer (International Trade), FAO Headquarters, Rome – Italy</p>
14:50 h	<p>Developing Countries and the Major Concepts involved at the WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies</p> <p>Mr. David-Vivas, Legal Officer Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva – Switzerland</p>
15:10 h	<p>Questions and Answers</p>
15:30 h	<p>Closing of the presentations</p> <p>Mr. Simon Funge Smith</p>
15:35 h	<p>Individual 10-minute meetings with the FAO and UNCTAD presenters¹</p>
16:00 h	<p>End of the Session</p>

¹ Before the day of the Session, at an online web address, there will be the possibility for attendees to schedule individual meetings with FAO and UNCTAD staff to clarify or discuss any issue associated with the current negotiations on fisheries subsidies at the WTO. Slots for these individual meetings are limited and assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.