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**NATIONAL WORKSHOP
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT (ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA)
20 -21 October 20
Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute**

Day 1

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-09:30 Welcome Address

Chairperson:

Mrs. Sylvia Samuel, Sr. Research Officer, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Commerce

Remarks

Mr. Ben Czapnik, - International Trade Centre

Remarks

Mr. Maxence Orthlieb – United Nations Conference on Trade Development

Remarks

Mr. Cosbert Woods- Programme Officer OECS Secretariat

Remarks

Chamber of commerce

Feature Remarks

Hon. E. P. Chet Green

9:30-10:30 Understanding the TF Agreement and Its Implications (Session 2)

This session will provide an overview of the concept of trade facilitation, a review of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and an analysis of the expected benefits of the TFA, in particular for the private sector. Presentation will be followed by Q&A.

Speakers / Moderators: Mr. Ben Czapnik-ITC / Mr. Maxence Orthlieb-UNCTAD

10:30-10:50 Coffee Break

10:50-11:40 Reviewing S&DT, Notification Requirements (Session 3)

This session will provide a detailed review of the Special and Differentiated Treatments agreed in Section II of the TFA as well as the notification timeline for developing and least-developed countries. Presentation will be followed by Q&A.

Speakers / Moderators: Mr. Ben Czapnik-ITC / Mr. Maxence Orthlieb-UNCTAD

11:40-12:30 Implementation assistance to TFA provisions under B and C categories (Session 4)

This session will allow trade facilitation stakeholders to better know and discuss the non-implemented commitments contained in the WTO TFA. This session would build upon the UNCTAD National Trade Facilitation implementation plan 2013. For each of the TFA provision, the session will go through the following:

- Detailed presentation of the measure (i.e. key features);
- Analysis of the nature of the obligation (i.e. binding or best endeavour);
- Review of the implementation checklist;
- Discussion between national stakeholders to determine technical assistance requirements per measure and next steps based on questions listed in this document.

Speakers / Moderators: Mr. Ben Czapnik-ITC / Mr. Maxence Orthlieb-UNCTAD/

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Implementation assistance to TFA provisions under B and C categories (Session 4 – Con'd)

Speakers / Moderators: Mr. Ben Czapnik-ITC / Mr. Maxence Orthlieb-UNCTAD

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:30 Implementation assistance to TFA provisions under B and C categories (Session 4 – Con'd)

Speakers / Moderators: Mr. Ben Czapnik-ITC / Mr. Maxence Orthlieb-UNCTAD

Day 2

08:30-10:15 Implementation assistance to TFA provisions under B and C categories (Session 4 – Con'd)

Speakers / Moderators: Mr. Ben Czapnik-ITC / Mr. Maxence Orthlieb-UNCTAD

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:30 The role of the National Trade Facilitation Committee (Session 5)

This session will provide a detailed review of the role of the National Trade Facilitation Committee going forward. Presentation will be followed by Q&A.

Speakers / Moderators: Mr. Ben Czapnik-ITC / Mr. Maxence Orthlieb-UNCTAD / Chair of the National TF Task Force

12:30-13:45 Lunch + Evaluation form filling

13:45-15:00 Presenting Next Steps (Session 6)

This session will present the project next steps for structuring bankable project plans for Category C provision implementation. It will give the participants an overview of the objectives and methodology that will be used and raise their awareness on the inputs they will be required to provide.

Speakers / Moderators: Mr. Ben Czapnik-ITC / Mr. Maxence Orthlieb-UNCTAD

15:00-15:15 Closing session

15:15-15:30 Coffee Break