



**Executive Workshop on
Negotiating and drafting rules of origin**

14 – 15 September, 2016

Programme

Geneva, Switzerland Palais des Nations, Room E.8116



Wednesday 14 September 2016

Opening Session

- 09:00 – 09:10 Opening statement by UNCTAD representative
- 09:20 – 09:30 Opening remarks by the **Coordinator of the LDC Group**, WTO

Item 1: Technical examination of current LDC proposal on the template and utilization rates

This session is intended to carry out a in depth technical review of the main issue for discussion and negotiations at the next CRO meeting of 22 September

- 09:30 – 09:45 *Presentation of the purpose and objectives of the workshop*
Mr. Elia MTWEVE, LDC Focal Point for RoO
- 09:45 – 10:15 *A preliminary assessment: Value of the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration*
Mr. Stefano INAMA, UNCTAD and **Mr. Elia MTWEVE**, LDC Focal Point for RoO
- 10:15 – 10:45 Interactive discussion
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break**
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Presenting a template of notification of Preferential Rules of Origin and experience with downloading Information from existing WTO notifications*
Dr. Abid KHAN, Bangladesh Mission and **Ms. Jia HOU**, Goethe University
- 11:30 – 12:30 Interactive discussion
- 12:30 – 13:00 *CRO and CTD process. Notification and Examination of Members' notifications*
Mr. Marti DARLAN, WTO Secretariat
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 14:30 Interactive discussion
- 14:30 – 15:00 *UNCTAD experience on monitoring Utilization Rates of Trade Preferences 1974 - 2016*
Ms. Pramila CRIVELLI, Goethe University
- 15:00 – 15:30 Interactive discussion
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break**
- 15:45 – 16:15 *WTO's Transparency Mechanism of Preferential Trade Arrangement (PTA) and access to tariff and trade data through Tariff Analysis Online (TAO) to facilitate the analysis on preference utilization*
Mr. Thomas VERBEET, WTO

- 16:15 – 16:45 Interactive discussion
- 16:45 – 17:15 *Presenting draft modalities for the Calculation of Preferential Utilization Rate*
Mr. Marti DARLAN, WTO Secretariat
- 17:15 – 17:30 Interactive discussion

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Item 2 Rehearsing on The technical aspects of the Nairobi Decision: working and pushing towards implementation

This session is intended to prepare for the next CRO meeting in 2016 and 2017 when Preference giving countries are expected to gradually implement the Nairobi decision

- 09:00 – 09:30 Analyzing and rehearsing on presentation: “*Substantial Transformation: when applying an ad valorem percentage criterion, Paragraph 1.1 of the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration*”
Mr. Stefano INAMA, UNCTAD and **Dr Abid, KHAN** LDC delegate
- 09:30 – 10:00 Interactive discussion
- 10:00 – 10:30 Analyzing and rehearsing on presentation: “*Substantial Transformation: Change of Tariff Classification and Specific manufacturing or processing operations rules*”
Mr. Stefano INAMA, UNCTAD and **to be confirmed**, LDC delegate
- 10:30 – 11:00 Interactive discussion
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break**
- 11:15 – 11:45 Analyzing and rehearsing on presentation: “*Substantial Transformation: Cumulation, Paragraph 2.1 of the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration*”
Mr. Stefano INAMA, UNCTAD and **Mr. Thay BUNTHON**, LDC delegate
- 11:45 – 12:30 Interactive discussion
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break**
- 13:30 – 14:00 Analyzing and rehearsing on presentation: “*Substantial Transformation: Documentary Requirements, Paragraph 3.1 of the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration*”
Mrs. Mette AZZAM, WCO and **Mr. Edward BIZUMUREMYI**, LDC delegate
- 14:00 – 14:30 Interactive discussion
- 14:30 – 15:00 *The implementation of the REX system in 2017*
Mr. François BECQART, EU Commission TAXUD directorate

15:00 – 15:30

Interactive discussion

15-30 – 15:45

Summary and way forward

Mr. Stefano INAMA, UNCTAD