



Roundtable and Donor Engagement to Support Turkmenistan's Accession to the World Trade Organization

30 May 2023, Yyldyz Hotel, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

DRAFT AGENDA

Chair: Galina Romanova, Head, State Finance and Economic Policy Department, Ministry of Finance and Economy

Co-chair: Artur Andrysiak, Country Director, Turkmenistan Resident Mission, ADB

9:30 – 10:00 (Ashgabat time)	Registration and coffee
10:00 – 10:30	Opening Session Galina Romanova , Head, State Finance and Economic Policy Department, Ministry of Finance and Economy Artur Andrysiak , Country Director, Turkmenistan Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Maika Oshikawa , Director, Accession Division, World Trade Organization (WTO) <i>Group Photo</i>
10:30 – 12:30	Session 1: WTO Accession Process and the Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR) Presenter: Anna Varyanik , Legal Affairs Officer, Accession Division, WTO Roundtable Discussion with 20 ministries involved in the WTO Accession Process Moderator: Galina Romanova , Head, State Finance and Economic Policy Department, Ministry of Finance and Economy

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 2a: Practical Approaches and Features of WTO Accession Process: The Experience of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Presenter: Zharkin Kakimzhanova, WTO Accession and Trade Facilitation Expert (ADB Consultant)</p> <p>Session 2b: Coordination of Ministries and Agencies' Work in the Process of Kazakhstan's WTO accession</p> <p>Presenter: Aray Kassabekova, WTO and International Trade Expert (ADB Consultant)</p> <p>Moderator: Artur Andrysiak, Country Director, Turkmenistan Resident Mission, ADB</p> <p>Discussion</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Session 3: Roundtable Discussion with Development Partners</p> <p>Asian Development Bank European Union International Trade Center Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe United Nations, United Nations Development Programme United Nations Economic Commission for Europe U.S. Agency for International Development World Bank</p> <p>Moderator: Dmitry Shlapachenko, UN Resident Coordinator</p> <p>Discussion</p>
17:30 – 18:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Galina Romanova, Head, State Finance and Economic Policy Department, Ministry of Finance and Economy</p> <p>Maika Oshikawa, Director, Accession Division, WTO</p> <p>Artur Andrysiak, Country Director, Turkmenistan Resident Mission, ADB</p>

Note: Simultaneous interpretation in English and Russian will be available