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“UZBEKISTAN’S WTO ACCESSION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES”

DATE: December 5, 2022
VENUE: UWED, Small Conference Hall
TIME: 12:00-15:00 PM (Tashkent time) / 8:00-11:00 AM (Geneva time)
ZOOM LINK: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86932807035?pwd=MFZsUENEUmdyckcrMEJNQUYVUOUTO9>
Meeting ID: 869 3280 7035
Passcode: 122925

PROGRAMME

11:30 AM-12:00 PM Registration of Participants
Chair/Moderator: **Prof. Dr Maarten SMEETS**
Advisor to the Chair in Uzbekistan

Welcome Remarks

12:00 PM-12:15 PM **H.E. Sodyq SAFDOEV**
Rector (UWED)
First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Uzbekistan
H.E. Xiangchen ZHANG (online)
Deputy Director General (WTO)
Ms. Alfiya MUSINA
Country Director in Uzbekistan, USAID TCA

Session 1: Remaining Challenges in Concluding Accession Negotiations

12:15 PM-13:00 PM Speakers will address the critical issues involved in concluding the accession negotiations, including domestic processes, legislative actions, reforms, and capacity-building support during the accession process.

SPEAKERS:

H.E. Ambassador Taeho LEE (video address)
Permanent Representative of Korea to the WTO, Chair of Uzbekistan’s Accession’s Working Party to the WTO

H.E. Badriddin ABIDOV
Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Mr. Asqar MIRSAIDOV (online)
Counselor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

Ms. Elisabeth TUERK (online)
Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade, UNECE

Mr. Khusrav RASULOV (online)
Accessions Division of the World Trade Organisation

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intervention to 7-8 minutes*

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Coffee Break

13:00 PM-13:15 PM

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Session 2: Post-Accession Challenges, Perspective of Recently Acceded WTO Members and Academia

13:15 PM-14:45 PM

Speakers will address the key challenges that can be expected following the conclusion of Uzbekistan's WTO accession and how to derive the benefits from its membership. Presenters will include representatives from the government, academic institutions in the region, and partner institutions. Issues to be covered include the implementation of the WTO commitments, institutional set-ups, and support to be provided to Uzbekistan in benefiting from the WTO's commitments and creating new economic opportunities.

SPEAKERS:

Prof. Dr Xinquan TU (online)

WCP Chair in China, University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), Beijing

Ms. Aray KASSABEKOVA

Trade Policy for Central Asia, Kazakhstan

Dr. Muktar DJUMALIEV

Former First Deputy Minister of Trade and Economy and former Permanent Representative to the WTO, Kyrgyz Republic

Mr. Alisher ISLOMIDINZODA

Head of Master Program Department, Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan

Prof. Dr. Peter Van den BOSSCHE (online)

WCP Advisory Board Member

Umida KHAQNAZAR (online)

WTI, Researcher, Uzbekistan

UWED's WTO Chair

UWED, Uzbekistan

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Closing Remarks

14:45 PM-15:00 PM

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