

The Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States and the Permanent Mission of Canada to the WTO are pleased to invite you to a webinar on:

The WTO Joint Initiative on Services Domestic Regulation: Perspectives & Opportunities

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

15:00 CET / 09:00 EST

Zoom Platform with simultaneous interpretation available

There are currently 63 WTO Members, covering about three-quarters of world services trade, which participate in the Joint Initiative on Services Domestic Regulation. They are aiming to adopt new disciplines that will contribute to facilitating services trade and supporting inclusive economic growth and development. The services sector is the most important economic sector for economies in the Caribbean region, including the Eastern Caribbean region. Addressing regulatory barriers, as well as increasing transparency and predictability could help reduce trade impediments that impact negatively on businesses and consumers. With an emphasis on the Eastern Caribbean region, this webinar will offer an occasion to learn more about the negotiations, the potential opportunities deriving from an outcome, and to share the perspectives of participating Members as well as the service industry.

WEBINAR PROGRAMME

Introduction: OECS Ambassador to the United Nations, Stephen Fevrier

Panel 1: State of Play of the Negotiations & Potential Impacts

MODERATOR: Dr. Jan Yves Remy, Deputy Director, Shridath Ramphal Centre, University of the West Indies

Jaime Coghi Arias, Coordinator of the JI on Services Domestic Regulation, Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of Costa Rica to the WTO

Elena Bertola, Trade in Services and Investment Division, WTO Secretariat

Darren Smith, Director, Services Trade Policy Division, Global Affairs Canada

Panel 2: Industry's Perspectives

MODERATOR: Jasemin Weekes, Permanent Secretary, International Trade, St. Kitts & Nevis

Crispin Conroy, Permanent Observer to the United Nations, ICC Representative Director - Geneva

Allyson Francis, Services Specialist, Caribbean Export Development Agency

George Riddell, Director of Trade Strategy, Ernst & Young LLP

Lucilla Lewis, Management Consultant

Closing Remarks: Canadian Ambassador & Permanent Representative to the WTO, Stephen de Boer

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