



**Program for Capacity Development for Bhutan's Accession to the WTO  
In Partnership with Royal Government of Bhutan  
organised by  
Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

**Venue: 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Centre for WTO Studies, NAFED Building, New Delhi**

**Programme Schedule**

<b>Day One: 22<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>		
09:00 to 09:30 hrs	Inaugural Session	Prof. Pritam Banerjee Head, CWS  Shri Harsha Vardhana Singh Former Deputy Director General, WTO  Prof. Abhijit Das Former Head, CWS
09:30 to 11:30 hrs	Introduction to the Structure and Agreements of the WTO	Prof. Abhijit Das Former Head, CWS
11:30 to 11:45 hrs	<i>Tea Break</i>	
11:45 to 01:00 hrs	Introduction to the Main Functions of the WTO and Rights and Obligations of Member States	Shri Harsha Vardhana Singh Former Deputy Director General, WTO
01:00 to 2:00 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
02:00 to 03:30 hrs	Negotiating Function of the WTO: Procedures, Protocols, Administrative Mechanisms	Shri Rajeev Kher Former Commerce Secretary and Shri Jayant Dasgupta Former Ambassador of India to the WTO
03:30 to 03:45 hrs	<i>Tea Break</i>	
03:45 to 05:30 hrs	Negotiating Function of the WTO: Role of National Mission in Geneva and Ministry in the Capital	Shri Rajeev Kher Former Commerce Secretary and Shri Jayant Dasgupta Former Ambassador of India to the WTO
<b>Day Two: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024</b>		



09:00 to 11:00 hrs	Dispute Settlement Mechanism: Rules and Procedures	Shri Atul Kaushik Former Additional Secretary, GoI and former officer at Indian Mission to WTO
11:00 to 11:15 hrs	<i>Break</i>	
11:15 to 01:00 hrs	Management of Disputes: Function of Mission in Geneva and Agencies in the Capital	Shri Atul Kaushik and Shri Tapan Mazumdar Additional DGFT, GoI
01:00 to 02:00 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
02:00 to 03:30 hrs	Experience Sharing using case Study examples: Disputes	Shri Atul Kaushik and Shri Tapan Mazumdar
03:30 to 03:45 hrs	<i>Tea Break</i>	
03:45 to 5:30 hrs	Trade in Services and Domestic Regulations	Shri Sumanta Chowdhary (Former Secretary, Government of India, former lead negotiator, India) and Shri Harsha Vardhana Singh
<b>Day Three: 24th January 2024</b>		
09:00 to 11:00 hrs	Monitoring Function of the WTO: Process of Trade Policy Reviews	Mr. Mukesh Bhatnagar, Former Prof. CWS
11:00 to 11:15 hrs	<i>Tea Break</i>	
11:15 to 01:00 hrs	Management of the Policy Review Process: Role of mission in Geneva and department and agencies in the capital	Mr. Mukesh Bhatnagar, Former Prof. CWS
01:00 to 02:00 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
02:00 to 03.30 hrs	Trade Defence Measures: ASCM, Safeguards, Anti-Dumping	Mr. Mukesh Bhatnagar, Former Prof. CWS and Mr. R. K. Gupta, Former Chairman Settlement Commission, Customs and Central Excise
03:30 to 03:45 hrs	<i>Tea Break</i>	
03:45 to 05:30 hrs	Challenges and Concerns of Digital Trade	Shri J. S. Deepak (Former Secretary, GoI, former senior representative at Indian Mission to WTO in Geneva)
<b>Day Four: 25th January 2024</b>		
09:00 to 11:00 hrs	Accession Process Overview	Shri Harsha Vardhana Singh,



		and Shri Abhijit Das Former Head, CWS
11:00 to 11:15 hrs	<i>Tea Break</i>	
11:15 to 01:00 hrs	Accession Negotiations: Learning from Experience: Nepal	Mr. Posh Raj Pandey, Former Accession Negotiator, Nepal
01:00 to 02:00 hrs	Accession Negotiations: Learning from Experience: Liberia	Mr. Axel Addy, Former Accession Negotiator, Liberia
02:00 to 03:00 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
03:00 to 05:00 hrs	Brainstorming and Panel Discussion with Faculty Panel ( <i>opportunity to review course content and discuss in detail any points from the previous four days</i> )	Shri Harsha Vardhana Singh/ Shri Anup Wadhawan/ Shri J.S. Deepak/ Shri Jayant Dasgupta/ Shri Mohan Kumar/ CWS Faculty
5:00 hrs to 5:30 hrs	Closing Session	