

The training on domestic support measures and the rules of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture

AGENDA

October 9, 2017 Tbilisi, Georgia	
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Opening and welcome address
	Mr. Nodar Kereselidze, the First Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia
	Kobuta Irina (FAO), Economist, Regional office for Europe and Central Asia
	Lars Brink, Expert Advisor (Canada)
9:15- 11:00	Session 1. WTO Agreement on Agriculture (AoA)
	Main provisions of WTO Agreement on Agriculture on domestic support– 25 min
	Domestic support notifications: Table DS:1 and Table DS:2 - 30 min
	How to classify agricultural policies as exempt and non-exempt from limits, with examples of WTO members' notifications - 20 min
	Q&A – 30 min
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:45	Session 2. WTO notification of domestic support measures
	Interpreting the green box criteria - 20 min
	Aggregate Measurements of Support and their <i>de minimis</i> limits (measurement issues, data needs) – 25 min
	Q&A – 30 min
12:45-14:00	Lunch



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10:00-10:45	Session 3. WTO notifications and Committee on Agriculture	
	Preparing notifications – what information is needed and who does what (e.g., coordination between ministries)? -15 min	
	Submitting notifications – present and new (online) procedures (e.g., what is different?) – 15 min	
	Ag-IMS and participation in the Committee on Agriculture – 15 min	
10:45-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00- 12:30	Session 4. Work in groups/or working meetings with the MoA's specialists for desktop training (face to face assistance)	
	Discussion of correspondence between the proposed agricultural policy measures and the classification of domestic support measures according to WTO rules.	
12:30-13:00	Workshop wrap-up	
	The main findings and recommendations of the training	
13:00 -14:00	Lunch	