

**SEMINAR ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF TRADE POLICY,
REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS**

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Day 1: Monday 17 November

MORNING SESSIONS

- 09:00-09:30 **Opening of the Seminar and Introduction to the Programme**
Welcome address by H.E. M. Ferdinand Nyabenda, Assistant Secretary General, ACP Secretariat, and Mr Gary Quince, Director, Directorate C-Sub-Saharan Africa, Caribbean, Pacific, EuropeAid Cooperation Office, European Commission
- Module 1: Trade in goods**
- 09:30-11:00 **Duties, quantitative restrictions, MFN and national treatment under the WTO and EPAs, including standstill, regional integration aspects and main exceptions**
Dr Lorand Bartels, Cambridge University, UK
Mr Hannes Schloemann, WTI Advisors, Geneva
- 11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:30-12:30 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**
- 12:30-14:30 *Lunch break*

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

- 14:30-16:00 **WTO rules on preferential trade (Article XXIV GATT; Article V GATS; Enabling Clause, the EU GSP System) and WTO legal aspects of standstill, MFN clauses and Regional integration in EPAs**
Dr Lorand Bartels, Cambridge University, UK
Ms Hadil Hijazi, WTI Advisors, Geneva
- 16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*
- 16:30-17:30 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**
- 17:30-18:00 **Conclusions of Day 1**
- 18:00-20.00 *Cocktail (ACP House)*

Day 2: Tuesday 18 November

MORNING SESSIONS

Module 2: Technical Issues

09:00-10:00	Customs and Trade Facilitation <i>Mr Thierry Piraux, Senior Technical Officer, World Customs Organization, Brussels</i> <i>Ms Hadil Hijazi, Director of WTI Advisors, Geneva</i>
10:00-10:45	Questions & Answers and Discussion
10:45-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-12:00	Technical Barriers to Trade <i>Mr. Alex Inklaar Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), Germany</i> <i>Mr Hannes Schloemann, Director of WTI Advisors, Geneva</i>
12:00-12:45	Questions & Answers and Discussion
12:45-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Module 3: Trade related areas

14:30-16:00	Intellectual property <i>Prof. Ruth Okediji, University of Minnesota Law School</i>
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30-17:30	Questions & Answers and Discussion
17:30-17:45	Conclusions of Day 2

Day 3: Wednesday 19 November

MORNING SESSIONS

Module 3: Trade related areas (count)

- 09:00-10:30 **Competition Policy**
Prof. Ruth Okediji, University of Minnesota Law School
Mr Mark Clough QC, Addleshaw LLP, London
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00-12:00 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**
Prof. Ruth Okedij & Mark Clough with Prof. Kusha Haraksingh, University of West Indies,
Chairman of the CARICOM Competition Commission
- 12:00-13:45 *Lunch break*

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

- 13:45-15:00 **Investment including capital movements**
Mr Paul Olivera of Mayer Brown, London, General corporate, private equity and Mand A
- 15:00 -15:15 *Coffee break*
- 15:15-15:50 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**
- 15:50-16:00 *Break*
- 16:00 -17:00 **Government procurement including transparency aspects**
Prof. Stephen Woolcock, London School of Economics
Mrs Joyce Anne Marie van Genderen Naar
- 17:00-17:45 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**
- 17:45-18:00 **Conclusions of Day 3**
- 19:30 -22:00 Venue: *L'Atelier europeen, 28 rue Franklin – Etterbeek (Schuman area)*
Discussion Dinner on the topic "The origins and consequences of the global financial crisis"
Mr Lode Beckers, Chairman of LOBO N.V. Eurostrategies Belgium

Day 4: Thursday 20 November

MORNING SESSIONS

Module 4: Trade in services

- 09:00-10:15 **The General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and its implications for Developing countries**
Mrs Mina Mashayekhi, Head, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, UNCTAD, Geneva
- 10:15-10:30 *Coffee break*
- 10:30-11:15 **GATS: Public services and the right to regulate**
Mr David Hartridge, Senior WTO Counselor, White & Case, Geneva
- 11:15-12:00 **Liberalization of Market access in GATS Mode 4 for Movement of Natural Persons Supplying Services**
Mrs Mina Mashayekhi, Head, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, UNCTAD, Geneva
- 12:00-13:00 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**
- 13:00-14:15 *Lunch break*

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

- 14:15-15:15 **Services commitments in selected services sectors (health services, financial services and telecommunications)**
Dr. Markus Krajewski, Faculty of Law, University of Potsdam
- 15:15-15:30 *Coffee break*
- 15:30-16:15 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**
- 16:15-17:15 **Treatment of services in regional trade agreements: the Caribbean EPA case**
Dr. Markus Krajewski, Faculty of Law, University of Potsdam
- 17:15-17:50 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**
- 17:50-18:00 **Conclusions of Day 4**

Day 5: Friday 21 November

MORNING SESSIONS

Module 2: Technical Issues (cont)

09:00-10:00 **Rules of origin**
Ms Natalie McNelis, Wilmer Hale, Brussels

10:00-10:45 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**

10:45-11:00 *Coffee break*

Module 5: Trade Defense Mechanisms

11:00-12:15 **Subsidies and trade remedies, including special safeguard clauses.
(Safeguards, Antidumping and Countervailing duties)**
Mr Charles F. De Jager, Mayer Brown International LLP Brussels

12:15-13:00 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**

13:00-14:00 *Lunch break*

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Module 6: Other legal issues

14:00-15:30 **Institutional aspects of EPAs, including dispute settlement and final provisions
(Ratification, non-execution clause, denunciation, reservations, relation to WTO)**
Dr Lorand Bartels, Cambridge University, UK

**Administrative Challenges Pacific ACP's May Face Implementing the
Comprehensive EPA**
Mr Douveri Henao, Trade Policy Officer, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00-17:00 **Questions & Answers and Discussion**

17:00-17:30 **Conclusions of Day 5**

17.30-18:00 **Closing of the Seminar**