



## Programme

### **JITAP REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM AND THE ROLE OF GENDER, CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND THE MEDIA**

Accra, Ghana, 28-30 November 2006

Organized Jointly by:

International Trade Centre (ITC)  
United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD)  
World Trade Organization (WTO)

In collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Industry,  
Accra, Ghana

Venue:

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**Participating  
Countries:**

Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali,  
Mauritania, Mozambique, Senegal, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.

## PROGRAMME OF WORK

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### Tuesday 28 November 2006

- 08:30-09:00            **Registration**
- 09:00-10:15           **Opening**
- Introduction by UNCTAD on behalf of the JITAP executing agencies
  - Statement by the JITAP Programme Coordinator
  - Welcome and Opening by Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ghana
  - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
  - Designation of Chairs and rapporteurs.
  - Introduction of country delegations
- 10:15-10:30            Tea/coffee break
- Item 1:**                    **Overview of the MTS, the Doha Round and development issues**
- What is WTO? What does it do in the MTS?
  - How has the MTS evolved in recent decades?
- 10:30-12:30            *Presentation by the WTO followed by discussion*

### 12:30-14:00    Lunch

#### **Item 1 (continued):**

- 14:00-15:15            *State of play (presentation by WTO)*  
*Development issues and challenges (presentation by UNCTAD)*  
*Business perspective (presentation by ITC)*
- 15:15-15:30            Tea/coffee break
- 15:30-17:00            Discussion
- 18:00    Cocktail

### Wednesday 29 November 2006

- Item 2:**                    **The impact of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on the MTS and trade negotiations**
- What is the role and objective of CSOs in the MTS and the Doha Round?
- 09:00-10:30            *Presentations on national perspectives: (Ghana, Malawi and Benin)*
- 10:30-10:45            Tea/coffee break
- 10:45-12:15            Discussion
- 12:15-12:30            Key issues and challenges (summing up by the Chairperson)

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

- Item 3: Trade and Gender Advocacy on the MTS and trade negotiations**
- What are the key gender-related concerns regarding the MTS and Doha Round in African countries?

14:00-15:00 *Presentation of UNCTAD studies on Trade and Gender:*

- *Gender Mainstreaming in the MTS (Presentation by UNCTAD)*
- *East African experience (Presentation by Tanzania)*
- *West African experience (Presentation by Senegal)*

15:00-15:15 Tea/coffee break

15:15-15:30 - *Gender and Trade Development (Presentation by ITC)*

15:30-17:00 Discussion

17:00-17:15 Key issues and challenges (summing up by the Chairperson)

#### **Thursday 30 November 2006**

- Item 4: The multilateral trading system and reporting by the African Media**
- Raising the profile of economic reporting on the MTS and getting it right?

09:00-10:00 *Presentations on national perspectives: (Kenya, Mali and Cameroon)*

10:00-10:15 Tea/coffee break

10:15-12:15 Discussion

12:15-12:30 Key issues and challenges (summing up by the Chairperson)

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

- Item 5: Role of Women, Media and CSOs for the Development of Trade in the context of the MTS**

14:00-16:00 Presentation and discussion of the report of the workshop

16:00 **Closure**