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## IMPLEMENTATION OF WTO PROVISIONS AND BUSINESS AWARENESS OF WTO ACCESSION

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### TAJIKISTAN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR COMMITMENTS AND LIBERALIZATION

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**The International Trade Centre (ITC) gathers Tajik agricultural sector stakeholders in Dushanbe city for a learning programme to discuss the ways of benefiting from Tajikistan's accession to WTO, and solving the challenges from this membership.**

The representatives of the related governmental agencies, business associations, international organizations, as well as agricultural sector experts will come together today, on 28 June, 2013, to learn about the WTO rules and regulations applicable to Tajikistan commitments on agricultural goods and to discuss the ways of benefiting from Tajikistan's accession to WTO, and solving the challenges from this membership. **"Making the most of WTO accession: Agricultural sector commitments and liberalization"** training is organized under ITC project on "Implementation of WTO provisions and business awareness of WTO Accession" funded by the Government of Switzerland through the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO).

Mrs Eugenia Costanza Laurenza, ITC international consultant, will introduce the key principles and obligation stemming from the WTO and the Agreement on Agriculture. She will also present the three main pillars of WTO rules concerning trade in agriculture, which are tariffs liberalisation, export subsidies and domestic supports. She says: *"During this training we will also describe the different classification of subsidies/domestic support, with a particular focus on their effects on production and trade. This discussion will take particular attention to the classification of the subsidies and their related rules. While talking about the market access, we will focus on the required tariff reductions"*.

During the event a special attention will be given to agricultural tariff reduction and subsidies negotiated and committed by the Republic of Tajikistan. Mr. Saidrahmon Nazriev, Deputy Minister of Economic Development & Trade of Tajikistan, and Mr. Mizrobkhon Dekhkonov, Responsible for Agriculture Reforms, WTO and Food Security from the Ministry of Agriculture of Tajikistan will inform participants on this.

**The International Trade Centre (ITC), through its on-going technical assistance project, is committed to support Tajikistan private sector in strengthening its knowledge of the opportunities and challenges from the WTO membership. To achieve this, the awareness of the private sector in the targeted sectors of agro industrial products, textiles, and financial, telecommunications, transport and energy services will be increased so that they understand the business implications of WTO accession and trade policy.**

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