

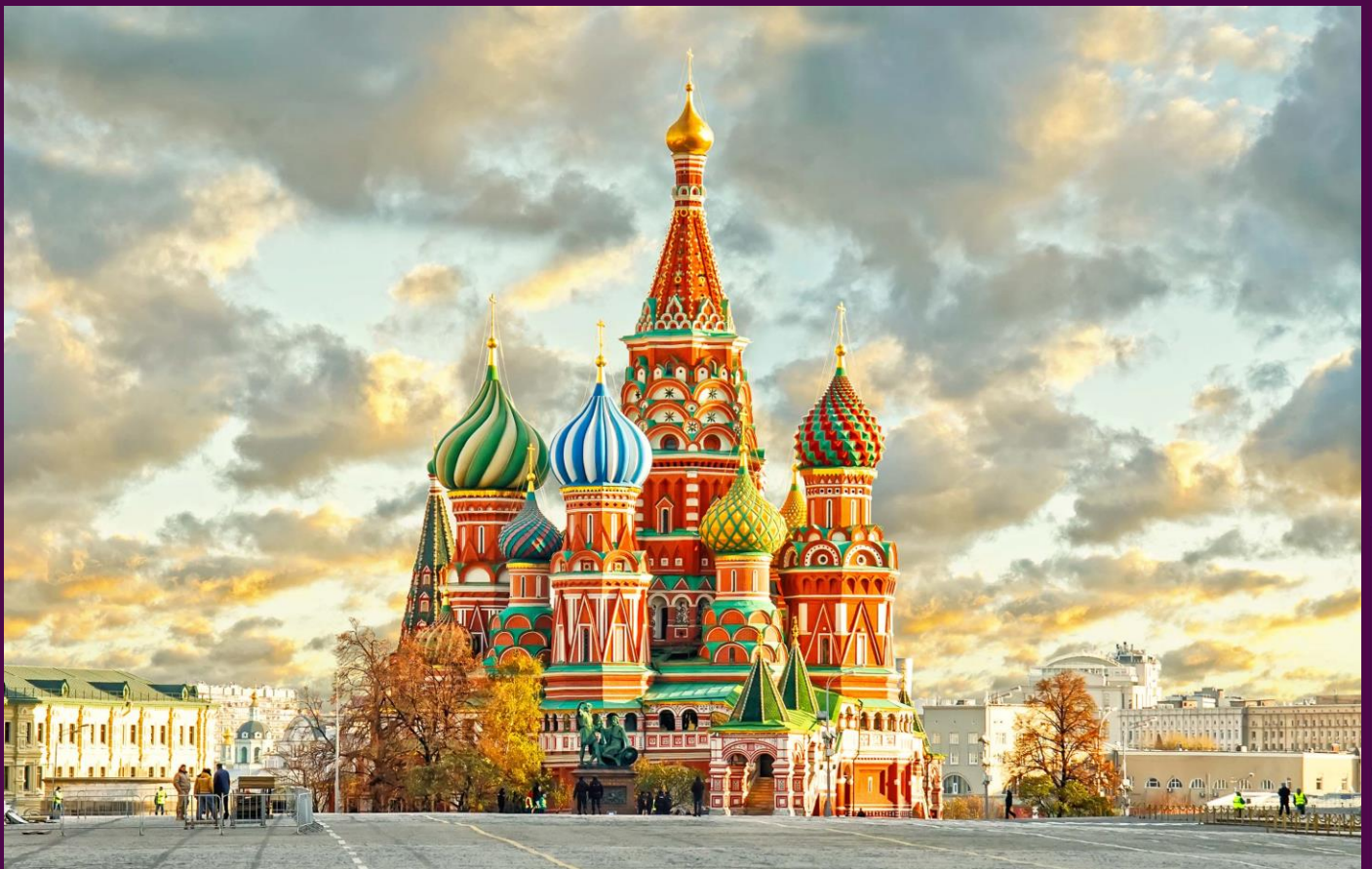
CHINA ROUND TABLE

ACCESSIONS AND WTO REFORM: On the Road to MC12

Programme

Ararat Park Hyatt Moscow Hotel, Russian Federation

4-6 December 2019



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* In July 2011, the Government of the People's Republic of China signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the WTO Secretariat on the China LDCs' and Accessions Programme ("The China Programme"). The Programme has been extended on a yearly basis, with the latest signed on 18 November 2019. The China Programme has five pillars, including the WTO Accessions Internship Programme and the annual Accession Round Table, designed to build capacity and technical skills in trade policy, including on accession negotiations, for acceding governments and Article XII Members, especially from least-developed countries.

BACKGROUND

Since 2012, the China Round Table (CRT) has served a platform for stakeholders' dialogue on WTO accessions, with the aim of sustaining discussions on the integration of new members in the rules-based multilateral trading system. To date, seven Round Tables have been hosted in three continents: CRT-01 in Beijing, China (May 2012); CRT-02 in Luang Prabang, Lao PDR (October 2013); CRT-03 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (June 2015); CRT-04 in Nairobi, Kenya (December 2015); CRT-05 in Siem Reap, Cambodia (March 2017); CRT-06 in Buenos Aires, Argentina (December 2017); and CRT-07 in Astana, Kazakhstan (September 2018). These Round Tables have provided a forum for experience sharing on best practices on WTO accession and post-accession, and for exploring how WTO accessions could strengthen the multilateral trading system¹.

EIGHTH CHINA ROUND TABLE

The Eighth China Round Table (CRT-08) will be held in Moscow, Russian Federation, on 4-5 December 2019. This Round Table is hosted by the Russian Federation which became the 156th Member of the WTO in August 2012. The thematic focus of the CRT-08 is "Accessions and WTO Reform: on the Road to MC12".

OBJECTIVES

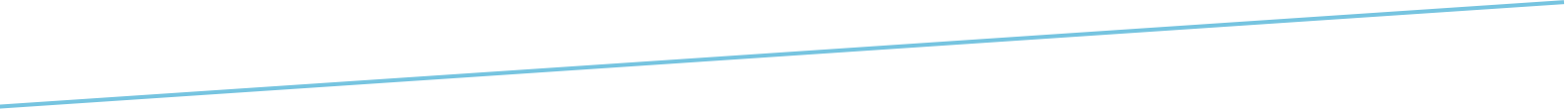
As the global economy is undergoing change at an unprecedented pace, the multilateral trading system has recently come under pressure. G20 Leaders at their Summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in December 2018, called for the need for "necessary reforms" of the WTO, while recognizing the important contribution of the multilateral trading system. In Osaka, Japan, in June 2019, the G20 Leaders reaffirmed their support for the necessary reform of the WTO to improve its functions and pledged to work constructively with other WTO Members in the lead up to the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) in June 2020, in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. In Geneva, WTO Members, individually or as group, have tabled a number of initiatives and proposals aimed at improving the functioning of the WTO. They cover a wide range of issues, including transparency, notifications, special and differential (S&D) treatment, work of the WTO regular bodies and the dispute settlement system.

In parallel, groups of like-minded Members are deepening their engagement on the Joint Initiatives, which were first launched at the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in December 2017, to deliver progress on so-called new issues. These include: E-Commerce, Investment Facilitation, Micro-, Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), Domestic Regulation in Services, and Women's Economic Empowerment. The efforts of the participants are aimed to make the multilateral trading system more responsive to the evolving needs of the global economy.

WTO Members have now begun the preparation for MC12, which is hosted by Kazakhstan, one of the most recently acceded Members². This will be also the first Ministerial gathering to be held at the heart of Eurasia where more than a half of Article XII Members are originated. WTO accessions, through the results achieved in Article XII negotiations to date, have important contributions to make to the on-going discussions on WTO Reform. By undertaking commitments in support of their ambitious accession-related domestic reforms, Article XII Members have ensured that the multilateral trading system moves forward from the levels of commitments of original Members. With 36 Article XII Members, which account for over one-fifth of the WTO Membership, and with a further 22 economies in the accession queue, it is inevitable that the results of accession negotiations will continue to inform discussions on the future of the multilateral trading system and will accompany the evolution of the rules and operation of the WTO.

¹ The thematic focuses of the first seven China Round Tables were: "WTO Accession Best Practice" (CRT-01); "Future of the Multilateral Trading System: Perspectives of LDCs and Article XII Members" (CRT-02); "Post Accession: Maximizing the Benefits of WTO Membership and Global Economic Integration" (CRT-03); "Domestic Reforms for Competitiveness and Deeper Trade Integration in the Global Economy: African Perspectives on the Future of the Trading System" (CRT-04); "Best Practices on the Accessions of Least developed countries to the WTO" (CRT-05); "Strengthening the Rules-based Multilateral Trading System and Building a Network to Promote Accessions" (CRT-06); and "Eurasian Perspectives on the Future of the Multilateral Trading System: Accessions and the Evolution of WTO Rules" (CRT-07).

² Kazakhstan became the 162nd Member of the WTO on 30 November 2015.



The Eighth China Round Table, which takes place just six months before MC12, will therefore provide a timely context for a dialogue on WTO Reform, with a focus on the contributions of WTO accessions. The China Round Table is also aimed to serve as a forum for the preparation for MC12, especially for Acceding Governments, which plan their first ministerial gathering, in the setting of the Informal Group of Acceding Governments (IGAG), in Nur-Sultan. The specific objectives of the Round Table are:

- (i) To exchange views on the contributions of WTO Accessions to WTO Reform;
- (ii) To discuss the implications of regional integration on the multilateral trading system; and,
- (iii) To provide a platform for Members and acceding governments to exchange experiences and lessons, in view of the preparation for MC12.

PROGRAMME

The programme of the Eighth China Round Table is structured into the five sessions:

Session 1: Accessions and WTO Reform;
Session 2: Joint Initiatives and WTO Accessions;
Session 3: WTO Accessions - State of Play;
Session 4: Regional Integration and WTO Accessions; and,
Session 5: Preparation for MC12.

To enable a lively exchange during the China Round Table, all participants are invited to actively participate in the discussions and be ready to fill one or more designated roles, such as that of a panellist, a commentator, or a moderator.

The China Round Table is followed by a meeting of acceding governments on 6 December 2019³.

³ This meeting is restricted to acceding governments only.

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2019

09:00— 09:30	Registration
HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION	
09:30 — 10:00 (Speakers are invited to make 10-min statements)	Moderator: Ms Maika OSHIKAWA, Director, Accessions Division, WTO Opening remarks: • Mr Maxim ORESHKIN, Minister of Economic Development, Russian Federation • Mr Alan Wm. WOLFF, Deputy Director-General, WTO • Mr ZHANG Xiangchen, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of China to the WTO
10:00— 10:10	Group photograph
SESSION 1: ACCESSIONS AND WTO REFORM As the global economy is undergoing unprecedented change and the multilateral trading system has come under pressure, which may have impact on the future direction of the WTO. A policy debate is underway on how to improve the functioning of the WTO. As a source of update and strengthening of the WTO rules through their accession-specific commitments, Article XII Members and WTO acceding governments have a role to play in this agenda. The session will focus on the role and contributions of completed and ongoing WTO accessions in these discussions, their effect on accession negotiations and outcomes and the possible way forward.	
10:10— 11:40 (the panellists are invited to make 10-min statements followed by a 5-min intervention by a commentator)	Moderator: Mr Maxim MEDVEDKOV, Professor, Higher School of Economics; Advisor, WTO Expertise Center, Moscow, Russian Federation Keynote speaker: Mr Alan Wm. WOLFF, Deputy Director-General, WTO Panellists: • Mr FU Xingguo, Deputy Director-General, Department of WTO Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, China • Mr Paolo GARZOTTI, Deputy Permanent Representative of the European Union to the WTO • Mr Mark LINSKOTT, Consultant, Atlantic Council, Asia Group; former Assistant United States Trade Representative for WTO and Multilateral Affairs • Mr Alfredo SUESCUM, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Panama to the WTO, Coordinator of the Article XII Members Group Commentator: • Michael J. FERRANTINO, Lead Economist for Trade Policy, World Bank Group <i>Followed by open discussion</i>
11:40— 12:00	Coffee Break
SESSION 2: JOINT INITIATIVES AND WTO ACCESSIONS Since the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires (MC11), a number of WTO Members have been deepening their engagement on Joint Initiatives to advance talks on the issues E-Commerce; Investment Facilitation; Micro-, Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) and Domestic Regulation in Services. These efforts are aimed at making the multilateral trading system more responsive to the evolving needs of the global economy in the 21st century. Article XII Members are participating in these initiatives. What are the potential implications of these initiatives on the ongoing accessions? The session will facilitate discussions on these subjects.	
12:00— 13:30 (The panellists are invited to make 10-min statements, followed by 5-min interventions by each commentator)	Moderator: Mr Rajesh AGGARWAL, Chief, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, ITC Panellists: • Mr Katsuro NAGAI, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the WTO, Co-convenor of the Joint Statement Initiative on E-Commerce • Mr Eduardo GALVEZ CARVALLO, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Chile to the WTO, Coordinator of the Structured Discussions on Investment Facilitation for Development • Mr José Luís CANCELA GOMEZ, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the WTO, Coordinator of the Informal Group on Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Commentators: • Mr Zavqi ZAVQIZODA, First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Tajikistan • Ms Ekaterina MAYOROVA, Director, Department for Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economic Development, Russian Federation <i>Followed by open discussion</i>
13:30— 14:30	Lunch Break

SESSION 3:

This interactive session will focus on the state of play on active WTO accessions, including the most advanced processes which are envisaged for conclusion before or at the MC12. It will provide for an exchange of views on the accession roadmaps, negotiating achievements and specific challenges, as well as possible ways to facilitate and expedite conclusion. The session will also provide an opportunity for an exchange of experiences in concluded and ongoing WTO accession processes, to update best practices.

14:30 — 16:00
(Speakers are invited to make 5-min statements)

Moderator: Ms Maika OSHIKAWA, Director, Accessions Division, WTO
"Overview of WTO accessions – State of Play"

Speakers:

- Mr Houmed M'SAIDIÉ, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Minister of Economy, Investment and Energy, Comoros
- Mr Vladimir SERPIKOV, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Ambassador-at-large, Directorate General for Foreign Economic Activities, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belarus
- Mr Hamdo TINJAK, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Commentators:

- Mr Atanas PAPARIZOV, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the WTO; Chairperson of the Working Party on the Accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr Luis Enrique CHÁVEZ BASAGOITIA, Director-General for Europe, Ministry of External Relations, Peru; Chairperson of the Working Party on the Accession of the Comoros

Followed by open discussion

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00

(Speakers are invited to respond to specific questions posed by the Moderator)

Tour de table:

*Representatives of **acceding governments**:*

- Mr Afshar FATHOLLAHI, Deputy Minister on Legal and Parliament Affairs, Ministry of Industry, Mine and Trade, Iran
- Mr Medani Abbas MEDANI MOHAMED, Minister of Industry and Trade, Sudan
- Mr Domingo Mba ESONO NSANG, Vice Minister of Commerce and SME promotion, Equatorial Guinea
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- Mr Sabuni Aggrey TISA, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Economic Advisor to the President, South Sudan
- Mr Mamo MIHRETU, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister, Ethiopia
- Mr Abdulrahman Hamid Mohammed AL-HUSSAINI, Ambassador of Iraq in the Russian Federation
- Mr Marcio Rosa LAY, National Director for External Commerce, Ministry of Commerce, Tourism and Industry, Timor-Leste
- Mr Penday DORJI, Senior Trade Officer, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan
- [Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Lebanese Republic, Syrian Arab Republic - TBC]

Expressions of interest:

- Mr Ezizgeldi ANNAMUHAMMEDOV, Deputy Finance and Economy Minister, Turkmenistan
- Mr Caryl MONTE, Chief Negotiator, Chairman of the Permanent Commission on International Trade and Foreign Economic Relations, Curaçao

Followed by open discussion

18:00

Reception and cultural programme proposed by the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2019

SESSION 4: REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND WTO ACCESSIONS

Regional integration efforts have systemic implications on WTO accessions, and vice versa. The session will explore such implications and experiences in completed and ongoing WTO accessions. The session will begin with discussions on various regional integration processes in Africa (e.g. African Continent Free Trade Area and the East African Community), Europe (e.g. accession to the EU) and South-east Asia (e.g. ASEAN). The second half of the session will focus on the experience and lessons learned from WTO accessions of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), which was the first trading bloc established by non-WTO members (i.e. Russian Federation and Kazakhstan, which became WTO members in 2012 and 2015, respectively, and Belarus which is currently in the process of accession), as well as the participation of regional institutions in the WTO work.

09:30 — 11:30 <i>(Panellists and commentators are invited to make 5-min statements)</i>	Moderator: Mr Alan Wm. WOLFF, Deputy Director-General, WTO Panellists: • AfCFTA: Mr Mamo MIHRETU, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister, Ethiopia • EAC: Mr Sabuni Aggrey TISA, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Economic Advisor to the President, South Sudan • EU Accession: ○ Ms Olivera JOCIĆ, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Acting Assistant Minister, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications, Serbia ○ Mr Hamdo TINJAK, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina • ASEAN Accession: Mr Marcio Rosa LAY, National Director for External Commerce, Ministry of Commerce, Tourism and Industry, Timor-Leste <i>Followed by open discussion</i>
11:30 — 12:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00 — 13:30	Keynote speaker: • Ms Veronika NIKISHINA, Minister of Trade, Eurasian Economic Commission Panellists: • Mr Eldar ALISHEROV, Deputy Minister of Economy, Kyrgyz Republic • Mr Avetis HOVHANNISYAN, Advisor to the Minister of Economy, Armenia • Ms Zhanar AITZHANOVA, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the WTO • Mr Vladimir SERPIKOV, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Ambassador-at-large, Directorate General for Foreign Economic Activities, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belarus Commentators: • Mr FU Xingguo, Deputy Director-General, Department of WTO Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, China • Mr Paolo GARZOTTI, Deputy Permanent Representative of the European Union to the WTO • Mr Mark LINSOTT, Consultant, Atlantic Council, Asia Group; former Assistant United States Trade Representative for WTO and Multilateral Affairs • Ms Polina TONIKH, Director-General, WTO Expertise Center, Moscow, Russian Federation <i>Followed by open discussion</i>
13:30 — 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>

SESSION 5: PREPARATION FOR MC12

The 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) is to be held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, in June 2020. Ahead of the Ministerial, the session will provide a timely opportunity to discuss specific proposals of WTO acceding governments on their role and possible contributions to the outcome of the MC12, including organization of the first Ministerial meeting of WTO acceding governments, building on the discussions under way in the Informal Group of Acceding Governments (IGAG).

14:30 – 16:00 <i>(Speakers are invited to make a 10-min statements)</i>	Moderator: Ms Zhanar AITZHANOVA, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the WTO Speakers: • Mr Dmitri FOMCHENKO, Deputy Permanent Representative of Belarus to the UNOG, Coordinator of the Informal Group of Acceding Governments (IGAG) • Mr Alfredo SUESCUM, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Panama to the WTO, Coordinator of the Article XII Members Group • Mr Mohammad Qurban HAQJO, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the WTO, Coordinator of the g7+ WTO Accessions Group <i>Followed by open discussion</i>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>

CLOSING SESSION

16:30 – 17:30

Report on the Outcome of the Eighth China Round Table by Ms Ekaterina MAYOROVA, Director, Department for Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economic Development, Russian Federation

- **Remarks** by Mr ZHANG Xiangchen, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of China to the WTO
- **Closing remarks** by Ms Maika OSHIKAWA, Director, Accessions Division, WTO

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2019*

09:30 – 12:30

Meeting of WTO Acceding Governments*

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

15:00 – 18:00

Bilateral meetings — to be arranged



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