

Guyana Completes WTO-World Bank Regulatory Survey and Pilot Module on Good Regulatory Practices to Support Reform Discussions

Following two national workshops held in December 2024 and November 2025, Guyana completed the WTO–World Bank Regulatory Survey on Impediments to Services Trade in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). As part of a pilot initiative, Guyana also field-tested a new set of survey questions to assess the implementation of Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs) across its domestic regulatory framework for services sectors.

To mark the completion of the survey, the WTO, in partnership with the World Bank and the IDB, organized a workshop in Georgetown from 16 to 19 June 2026 under the Trade in Services for Development (TS4D) Initiative. The programme focused on three workstreams: Good Regulatory Practices (Workstream 2), Analysis of Services Trade Policies (Workstream 4), and Transparency of Non-Conforming Measures (Workstream 5).

The workshop achieved two main objectives. First, it presented the survey findings, providing a comprehensive overview of Guyana's regulatory framework for services trade and benchmarking it against peer economies in the region and countries at similar levels of development. Second, it examined the alignment of Guyana's services authorization and licensing frameworks with Good Regulatory Practices, identifying key strengths and possible areas for regulatory reform to support domestic market development and enhance international competitiveness.

With the support of Honourable Hugh Hilton Todd, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the workshop also provided an opportunity to discuss possible next steps and future capacity-building needs in partnership with the World Bank, the IDB and other development partners.

