



**Workshop on Facilitating the Launch of the Arab Customs Union**  
**2-3 July 2017, Cairo, Egypt**

**Draft Agenda**

**Day One: 02 July 2017**

<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b><u>Opening Session</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Mohamed Chemingui, Chief, Regional Integration Section, ESCWA</b></li><li>• <b>Mr. Bahjat Abou Nasr, Director, Arabic Economic Integration Division, League of Arab States</b></li><li>• <b>Chairperson of the Committee of the Common External Tariff</b></li></ul>
<b>10:30-12:30</b>	<b><u>Session One:</u></b> <b>Trade Negotiation skills and tools</b>  Mr. Ramoul Khairedine, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch -UNCTAD  <b>Discussion</b>
<b>12:30-13:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b><u>Session Two:</u></b> <b>Trade negotiations: Best practices and lessons learned from international experiences (1)</b>  H.E Dr. Jayant Dasgupta, Consultant on International Trade and Customs Tariff negotiations  <b>Discussion</b>
<b>14:00-15:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>15:00-16:30</b>	<b><u>Session Three:</u></b> <b>Trade negotiations: Best practices and lessons learned from international experiences (2)</b>  H.E Dr. Jayant Dasgupta, Consultant on International Trade and Customs Tariff negotiations  <b>Discussion</b>



**Day 2, 03 July 2017**

<b>10:00- 12:00</b>	<p><b><u>Session One:</u></b> <b>From Free Trade Agreements to Customs Union: International Experiences (ASEAN)</b></p> <p>Dr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna , Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>12:00-12:30</b>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	<p><b><u>Session Two:</u></b> <b>ACU and fiscal challenges in the Arab Region</b></p> <p>Ms. Riwa Nasreddine, Programme Management Officer, Regional Integration Section, ESCWA</p> <p><b>Formulation of alternative scenarios of CET and their mechanical fiscal impact</b></p> <p>Mr. Mohamed Chemingui, Chief, Regional Integration Section ESCWA</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>14:00- 15:00</b>	<p><b><u>Session Three:</u></b> <b>Chairperson: Mr. Mohamed Chemingui, Chief, Regional Integration Section, ESCWA</b></p> <p><b>Discussants:</b> <b>Mr. Bahjat Abou Nasr, Director, Arabic Economic Integration Division, League of Arab States</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson of the Committee of the Common External Tariff</b></p>