



The UK Mission to the UN and Other International Organisations in Geneva, the Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the International Organizations in Geneva, and The Law Societies (Brussels Office) invite you to participate in a workshop at the WTO Public Forum.

Cross border professional services in the digital age: Why domestic regulation matters

4 October 2018, 8:30-10:00. WTO Room S2

The session looks forward to 2030, as professional services and their delivery evolve in line with technological developments, and examines the commitment of Members not to impose unnecessary barriers to trade on these services (GATS Art VI.4). Panellists and participants will discuss:

- How digital technology can enable professional services to be traded for the first time, including for smaller and individual suppliers,
- What barriers prevent professional service providers from taking advantage of the new opportunities,
- How multilateral agreements to tackle these issues can drive domestic reform, taking into account the desire for regulatory freedom.

We look forward to your active participation during the discussion.

- HE Julian Braithwaite, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom, will make opening remarks.
- HE Carlos Foradori, Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic, will make closing remarks.

Panellists:

- Jonathan Goldsmith, Consultant in European and international Legal Services, The Law Society
- Emily Mburu, Principal Trade Officer, East African Community (EAC) Secretariat
- Chiedu Osakwe, Ambassador, Chief Trading Negotiator, Government of Nigeria

Moderator:

- Hamid Mamdouh, Senior Counsel, King & Spalding LLP
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Interpretation into English, French and Spanish will be available. Tea and coffee will be served from 0800.