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**WTO/ESCAP Regional Seminar on Agriculture Negotiations for Asia-Pacific Economies  
Bangkok, 28-29 November 2007**

**PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday, 28 November 2007**

- 08:30-09:00           **Registration**
- 09:00-09:15           **Opening session**  
*Mr. Xuan Zengpei, Director, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP*  
*Ms. Lee Ann Jackson, Economic Affairs Officer, Agriculture and Commodities Division*  
*World Trade Organization*
- 09:15-10:30           **Session 1. World trade in agriculture, the WTO and the Agreement on Agriculture**  
*Presentation by Lee Ann Jackson, WTO*
- 10:30-10:45           **Coffee break**
- 10:45-11:45           **Session 2. The benefits of trade liberalization**  
*Presentation by Frank van Tongeren, OECD*
- 11:45-12:30           **Session 3. Liberalization of trade in agriculture: implications for Asian and Pacific**  
**developing countries**  
*Presentation by Marc Proksch, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP*
- 12:30-13:30           **Lunch**
- 13:30-15:00           **Session 4. State-of-play of the WTO agriculture negotiations – market access**  
*Presentation by Lee Ann Jackson, WTO*
- 15:00-15:15           **Coffee break**
- 15:15-16:30           **Session 5. State-of-play of the WTO agriculture negotiations – domestic support**  
*Presentation by Lee Ann Jackson, WTO*

**Thursday, 29 November 2007**

- 09:00-10:00           **Session 6. State-of-play of the WTO agriculture negotiations – export competition**  
*Presentation by Lee Ann Jackson, WTO*
- 10:00-10:15           **Coffee break**
- 10:15-11:00           **Session 7. Elaboration of countries' schedules**  
*Presentation by Lee Ann Jackson, WTO*
- 11:00-12:00           **Session 8. Good domestic policy is good for trade**  
*Presentation by Frank van Tongeren, OECD*

- 12:00-12:15      **Session 9. Overview of UNESCAP trade-related technical assistance**  
*Presentation by Marc Proksch, UNESCAP*
- 12:15-13:30      **Lunch**
- 13:30-14:15      **Session 10. Information sources: the WTO website, schedules and official documents**  
*Presentation by Lee Ann Jackson, WTO*
- 14:15-14:45      **Session 11. Discussions/Q&A**
- 14:45-15:00      **Coffee break**
- 15:00-16:00      **Session 12. Final considerations and the way forward**  
*Round table: WTO, UNESCAP and OECD*
- 16:00-16:30      **Closing session**  
*Mr. Xuan Zengpei, UNESCAP*  
*Ms. Lee Ann Jackson, WTO*

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