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Venue: Centre for WTO Studies, Room no. 703, 7th Floor, NAFED House, Ashram Chowk,
New Delhi

Programme Schedule

Day 1, Classroom Thursday, 21 August 2025		
0930-1000 hrs	<i>Registration</i>	
1000-1115 hrs	Session 1 Non-Trade Issues and the WTO and Current State of Play at the WTO	<i>Dr. Murali Kallummal</i> Professor, CWS & Head Admin, CRIT <i>Mr. Aashish Chandorkar</i> Counsellor, PMI, Geneva
1115-1145 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1145-1300 hrs	Session 2 Trade and Sustainable Development in the WTO and FTAs	<i>Ms. Vishakha Srivastava</i> Sr. Research Fellow, CWS
1300-1400hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 3 India's Approach to Trade and Sustainable Development in FTAs	<i>Ms. Shiny Pradeep</i> Assistant Professor, CTIL <i>Ms. Vishakha Srivastava</i> Sr. Research Fellow, CWS
1515-1545 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1545-1700 hrs	Session 4 Panel Discussion: Trade and Sustainability in India's FTAs: Navigating Challenges, Seizing Opportunities	<i>Amb. (Dr.) VS Seshadri</i> (ex IFS Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group) <i>Co-panellists:</i> <i>Dr. Pritam Banerjee</i> Head & Professor, CWS <i>Mr. Aashish Chandorkar</i> Counsellor, PMI, Geneva <i>Prof. Anandajit Goswami</i> Professor & Director, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies
1700-1730 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	

Day 2, Classroom Friday, 22 August 2025		
1000-1115 hrs	Session 5 Trade and Sustainability and its Linkages to SDGs	Dr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna Deputy Head & Sr. Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP
1115-1145hrs	Tea/Coffee	
1145-1300 hrs	Session 6 Climate Finance and COP29 Outcome	Ms. Chandni Raina Advisor, DEA
1300-1400hrs	Lunch	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 7 EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) – Indian Perspective	Dr. Murali Kallummal Professor, CWS & Head Admin, CRIT Ms. Shiny Pradeep Assistant Professor, CTIL Mr. Atul Sharma Co-founder and Advocate, Sarvada Legal
1515-1545 hrs	Tea/Coffee	
1545-1700 hrs	Session 8 Panel Discussion: India's Decarbonisation Pathways in the Age of CBAM: How Can India Navigate Carbon Pricing Mechanisms?	Ms. Sangeeta Godbole , Ex IRS Former DG, Services Export Promotion Council Co-panellists: Mr. Aashish Chandorkar Counsellor, PMI, Geneva Mr. Atul Sharma Co-founder and Advocate Sarvada Legal
1700 hrs	Tea/Coffee	
