

	<u>Revised WTO Roadmap:</u>	<u>Support Actions from Donors:</u>	<u>Accomplishments/Description:</u>
	Activities to be undertaken in relation to the WTO accession	EC, UNCTAD, UNDP, USAID and World Bank	Work done/ongoing or indication of delays/risk factors
	1st and 2nd Quarter, 2006		
1.	Continued identification of laws, regulations and other measures that may potentially have to be changed to comply with WTO rules.	USAID: Technical Assistance in legal matters.	USAID: Ongoing (throughout duration of TA): Reviews of import licensing, investment, export and import bans and foreign exchange regimes and their impact on trade in goods completed.
2.	Draft legislative action plan, taking into account survey of non-tariff barriers and impact assessments.	USAID: Technical Assistance.	USAID: Ongoing.
3	Preparation of intellectual property laws required for WTO accession	USAID: Technical Assistance	USAID: Trademark Law passed June 26 2006. Draft geographical indications laws discussed by stakeholders Aug. 2-3, 2006. Consultants continuing to work on trademark law implementing regulations and on protection of undisclosed information and enforcement
4.	Customs laws	USAID: Technical Assistance	USAID: Customs circulated draft law to stakeholders for comments in June 2006. Customs adviser provided additional comments.
5.	Training: (1) WTO training courses in Addis on: (a) rules (b) customs valuations	(1) WTO: Workshops. UNDP funded facilities cost.	(1) WTO/UNDP: Completed

¹ **NB:** All items listed under Q4 2005, and before, were moved to the end of the document for quicker referencing

	(2) “Lessons Learned” seminar on WTO Accession	(2) USAID/WB/MoTI: Planning, organizing and funding	(2) Completed
6.	Develop website to facilitate compliance with transparency requirements in WTO Agreements	USAID: to assist with development	USAID: Website developer is loading material onto site and it should be ready for launch in November
7	Impact assessment studies on TBT, SPS, Customs Valuation, TRIMS	UNDP/MoTI	UNDP/MoTI: TBT, SPS and TRIMS studies completed by 31 May. Customs Valuation study completed in July.
8.	Independent consultants to prepare studies on financial services and telecommunications sectors	WB/MoTI	WB/MoTI: Consultant identified; MoTI selections being reviewed by World Bank before awards announced.
9.	Outreach activities to improve understanding of importance of WTO accession	MoTI/USAID/EU:	MoTI/USAID: Seminar in Bahir Dar to be held October 5-6 and in Awassa in November – December period. Two other seminars planned for 1 st & 2 nd quarters of 07.
3rd Quarter, 2006			
1	WTO SPS Seminar	WTO: Resource panelists from WTO secretariat and other donors	Seminar held September 22-23.
2.	TRIPS Seminar	WTO: Resource panelists from WTO, WIPO and EIPO UNDP: Funded facilities cost	Seminar held 27-28 July
3.	Begin work on SPS & TBT regimes drawing upon results of UNDP & JICA studies	USAID, in cooperation with GTZ	USAID: work on legislation and regulations recommended in UNDP to start in late September.
4.	Begin work on WT/ACC/4 (detailed information on agricultural policies)	EC: TA. USAID/UNDP/WB: Technical Assistance.	EC: to clarify USAID: Initial work begun; MoTI must secure collaboration of MOARD and MOFED
5.	Customs procedures-follow up on UNDP study	TBD	WB(?)
4th Quarter, 2006			

1.	Submit the Memorandum of Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR) to the WTO secretariat with all relevant legislation, tariff and import data in electronic format.	MoTI	
2.	Begin preparation of ACC 5 on services	WB, UNDP, EC and USAID to assist	
3.	Post-graduate training courses on international trade for government officials.	WB	Development of a direct training program to develop WTO and negotiation skills among MoTI and other ministries' staff.
4.	Services Seminar	UNCTAD	TBD
	1st – 4th Quarters, 2007		
1.	Prepare for and participate in first Working Party meeting	All donors will assist.	
2.	Submit first draft of legislative action plan and begin to amend legislation according to plan.	MoTI: Submit to the WTO. USAID: Technical Assistance in legal matters.	MoTI: To submit. USAID: To continue assisting.
3.	Prepare and submit initial tariff offer on goods.	UNCTAD/ WB/ EC: Technical Assistance. MoTI: Submit to the WTO	UNCTAD/WB/EC: To start. MoTI: To submit.
4.	Complete preparation of ACC 5	USAID/EC: Technical Assistance MOTI: Submit to WTO	(NB: May not need to be submitted until services offer is ready)
5.	Specialized consultant to support drafting of WT/ACC/9 on TRIPS	USAID/EC: Technical Assistance.	USAID/EC: Donors to assist EIPO and MoTI in preparation
6.	Prepare required legislation and regulations on services	MOTI / UNCTAD/ EC/ WB/USAID: Technical Assistance. MoTI: Submit to the WTO	UNCTAD/EC/WB/USAID: To start. MoTI: To submit.
7.	Prepare WT/ACC/8 (on sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures)	MoTI: Submit to the WTO. USAID: Technical Assistance	MoTI: To submit. Prepare and submit ACC/8 following completion of legislative and regulatory work on SPS/TBT regimes identified above.
8.	Conduct multilateral	UNCTAD: Technical	

	<p>discussion and bilateral negotiations on Ethiopia's commitment regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade in goods (including agriculture). • Trade in services. • Possible transition periods (including for TRIPS), special and differential treatment etc. 	Assistance.	
9.	Conduct further analytical studies to support multilateral and bilateral negotiations as required (through end of negotiations).	EC/USAID/UNDP: Technical Assistance.	EC/USAID/UNDP: To be specified.
10.	Conduct regular discussions with stakeholders to inform them of progress of negotiations and receive feedback regarding government positions (through end negotiations).	EC/USAID/UNDP/WB: Technical Assistance.	EC/USAID/UNDP/WB: To be specified.
11.	Begin to employ graduates of training course on international trade.	MoTI: Employment.	MoTI: To employ.
12.	Completion of financial services & telecom impact assessment	MOTI, WB	
13.	Respond to questions from the working party members.	USAID/EC/UNCTAD/WB: Technical Assistance.	USAID/EC/UNCTAD/WB:

2008			
1.	Consolidate results of bilateral negotiations into draft schedule of concessions and commitments on goods (including agriculture).	UNCTAD: Technical Assistance.	UNCTAD: To be specified.
2.	Continue implementation of legislative action plan.	USAID: Technical Assistance in legal matters.	USAID: To start.
3.	Specialized consultancy input as required by progress of negotiations	EC/USAID/UNDP/WB: Technical Assistance.	EC/USAID/UNDP/WB: To be specified.
4.	Continue discussions with stakeholders.	EC/USAID/UNDP/WB: Technical Assistance.	EC/USAID/UNDP/WB: To be specified.
5.	Consolidate results of bilateral negotiations into draft schedule of specific commitments on services.	UNCTAD: Technical Assistance.	UNCTAD: To start.
6.	Conclude working party deliberations with approval of draft protocol of accession.	WTO	WTO
2009			
1.	Ethiopian Parliament to ratify accession protocol.	MoTI	MoTI
2.	Ethiopia formally accedes to WTO 30 days after ratification by the parliament.	MoTI	MoTI

Activities Undertaken in 2005:

1st and 2nd Quarter, 2005			
1.	Roadmap for WTO Accession	WB: Support finalization of Road Map for WTO accession.	WB: Road Map completed.
2.	Commencement of identification of all laws, regulations, administrative practices and other measures that will potentially be impacted by WTO accession, by the technical committee members with assistance of legal counsel.	USAID: Technical Assistance in legal matters.	USAID: Ongoing (throughout duration of TA): Initial reviews of impact on goods trade of import licensing , investment, export and import bans and foreign exchange regimes completed and/or near completion.
3.	Establish appropriate organizational unit and reporting decision structures in Government.	MoTI: Re-organisation process.	MoTI: Done (WTO Department established). Responsibility for IF coordination to be clarified
4.	Confirm and coordinate donor financing and international expertise for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "WTO Department (Infrastructure set-up, including office space, equipment and maintenance, procurement of library materials and other running costs). • Training costs and other capacity building measures. • Post-graduate courses. • Analytical and impact studies. 	<p>USAID: Technical Assistance in legal matters.</p> <p>UNDP: IF Project (establishment of a Trade Documentation and Information Centre at MoTI; procurement of IT equipment; and training/personnel costs).</p> <p>WB: Post-graduate course (trade policy).</p> <p>WTO: Different Trainings and Seminars.</p> <p>EC: TA (Support to technical work of Ethiopia's WTO Accession Technical Committee and impact studies for agricultural goods, non-agricultural goods and services).</p>	<p>USAID: Ongoing (electronic library/documentation).</p> <p>UNDP: IF Work Plan to be finalized. Reference centre at MoTI and ECC: Equipment procured and MOTI Center is almost ready to open.).</p> <p>WB: 1 October 2005 (AAU Faculty of Business & Econ).</p> <p>WTO (USAID/UNDP): Ongoing (March-Aug. 2005).</p> <p>EC: Ongoing (impact studies for services focus on construction, tourism, energy and distribution).</p>
5.	WTO training courses for Government officials in Addis, including basic WTO courses for those requiring such training and specialized modules for officials with sectoral responsibilities.	<p>EC: TA (5-day training seminar for Government officials to improve their negotiating techniques).</p> <p>WTO: Workshops.</p>	<p>EC: Completed 20-24 June 2005.</p> <p>WTO: Competition policy, agricultural, services, intensive negotiations and general WTO Workshops completed by end of second quarter.</p>
3rd Quarter, 2005			

1.	Identify existing or potential inconsistencies between current Ethiopian legislation and single undertaking.	USAID: Technical Assistance in legal and regulatory matters.	USAID: Ongoing.
2.	Begin comprehensive survey of non-tariff measures affecting trade in goods to assist in preparation of legislative action plan and ACC's 4, 8 & 9.	EC: TA (Ag mkt access & NAMA impact studies). USAID: Technical Assistance. UNDP: TBT/SPS, Customs, TRIMS impact studies.	EC: Studies almost completed. USAID: Ongoing. UNDP: TORs completed, expert being recruited. [Comment: a comprehensive survey document is not required so the results of the survey will be incorporated into legislative action plan and relevant ACCs.]
3.	Services impacts assessment studies to lay foundation for preparation of WT/ACC 5 and services offer Specialized consultants to support drafting of WT/ACC/5 (Services).	WB: Identification of service sector for initial economic study on options for WTO accession negotiations. EC: Services impact study TA (negotiating positions). [EU to clarify] USAID: Complementary TA. UNDP: Services work to be clarified.	WB: TOR for financial services and telecommunications studies prepared, submissions of interests received; selection of consultants now underway. EC: Services impact assessment study revised. USAID: To be agreed upon. UNDP: TBD
4.	Begin comprehensive customs modernization project (later on in process).	USAID/EC/UNDP/WB: Technical Assistance.	MoTI: To co-ordinate with Customs, IMF, UNCTAD, UNDP, USAID and WTO (projects) on whether further work needed in this area.
5.	Customs laws	USAID: To revise existing customs laws to bring into compliance with WTO Agreements	USAID: Draft law completed, being reviewed
6.	Begin comprehensive project for implementation of SPS and TBT agreements.	USAID/UNDP: Technical Assistance. EC: Trade Capacity Building (implementation of the support programs for QSAE, MoARD and MoH regarding CAs dealing with TBT and SPS issues).	USAID: Consult with RDFS. UNDP: to be clarified. EC: Timing to be revised in line with new planning for finalization/adoption of Financing Proposal. JICA project started
4th Quarter, 2005			
1.	Submit WT/ACC/4 (detailed information on agricultural policies)	EC: TA. USAID/UNDP/WB: Technical Assistance.	EC: to clarify EC: Financing Proposal.(Clarify)
2.	Training on	(a) WTO and UNDP	(a) TBD

	(a) WTO Rules and (B) Lessons Learned Seminar	(facilities cost) (b) USAID	(b) March 22, 2006
3.	Continuation of services impact assessment studies	See item 3 in 3rd quarter	Comment: Work to be spelled out in item 3; work on ACC 5 cannot begin until assessment studies done.
4.	Begin work on revising existing IPR laws and drafting new laws to comply with TRIPS and work to accede to relevant conventions on intellectual property rights in preparation for submission of WT/ACC/9.	USAID: Technical Assistance in legal matters. WIPO assistance: TBD	USAID: Draft geographical indications and protection of undisclosed information laws and enforcement strategy paper prepared and now being reviewed.
5.	Possible study tour by Ethiopian Government officials to recently acceded WTO member countries.	UNDP/USAID/WB: Study tour/tours (preparations).	UNDP/USAID/WB: Depending on response from countries (China, Cambodia, India or Vietnam).
6.	Begin detailed (economic and social) impact studies for <i>alternative strategies for trade liberalization</i> in key areas through end 2006: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade in non-agricultural goods. • Agricultural support. • Telecommunication services. • Financial services. <p>TO BE DISCUSSED</p>	WB: Study (first service sector study). UNDP: IF Project (impact studies) to i) analyze the consequences of accession to WTO on the compatibility analysis in terms of main requirements of SPS, TBT, TRIPS, TRIMS, Customs Valuation etc., ii) identify priorities and areas of comparative advantage, iii) Make recommendations). USAID: Technical Assistance.	WB: Financial services and telecommunications. UNDP: IF Work Plan. EC: Trade Capacity Building (sub-specific grants to institutions carrying out policy oriented research in specific areas in relation to WTO accession) [Timing to be revised in line with new planning for finalization/ adoption of Financing Proposal]. USAID: To be specified.
7.	Establish inter-disciplinary post-graduate training course on international trade (possibly with scholarships mandating. E.g. 2 years of service in Government subsequent to successful conclusion of course).	WB: Post-graduate course on trade policy (launch first offering of graduate course at AAU) and identification of second service sector study). EC: Trade Capacity Building (support to post-graduate training program to be run at a local university which has a post-graduate program in international trade)	WB: October 2005 (Steering Committee set up, course components identified, MoTI to establish new section). EC: October 2006 (to be built upon WB program).