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Exploring Strategies to Enhance Egypt's
Participation in WTO Dispute Settlement


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- **Opportunities for Connecting Government and Business Interests in Negotiating, Monitoring and Enforcing WTO Rights and Obligations**

OUTLINE

- I. **FACTORS RELEVANT TO EGYPT'S WTO PARTICIPATION**
- II. **UNIVERSAL FRAMEWORK**
- III. **EGYPT-SPECIFIC INTERESTS**
- IV. **BROKERING PPPs IN PRACTICE**
- V. **OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**

I. Factors Relevant to Egypt's WTO Participation

- A. History**
- B. Culture**
- C. Politics**
- D. Business**

II. Universal Framework

A. Government Responsibilities

B. Private Sector Priorities

C. WTO Interest Brokers

III. Egypt-Specific Interests

A. Government Interests

1. Improve welfare / Increase exports / Create jobs
2. Capitalize on Strengths / Add value locally / Diversify economy
3. Strengthen foreign relations through trade
4. Maintain regional leadership role

III. Egypt-Specific Interests (2)

B. Business Interests

1. Improve balance sheet / Protect and grow market share
2. See point 1!

III. Egypt-Specific Interests (3)

3. Goods

- Energy-related
- Agriculture
- Steel

4. Services

- Telecoms
- Distribution
- Tourism
- Construction
- ICT
- Tourism

III. Egypt-Specific Interests (4)

C. Value Chain of WTO Interest Brokers

1. Country knowledge
2. Sectoral-specific knowledge
3. WTO technical and background knowledge
4. WTO institutional knowledge
5. Personal knowledge / Trust relationships

IV. Brokering PPPs in Practice

A. Strategic / Proactive Interests

1. Doing the rounds
2. Monitoring compliance
3. Tabling negotiating proposals

B. Necessity / Reaction Interests

1. Reacting to negotiating proposals

IV. Brokering PPPs in Practice (2)

C. WTO Dispute Settlement in Practice

1. Proactive collaboration in preparing and filing cases
2. Necessity in jointly defending cases
3. Cost-sharing
4. Resource-pooling

V. Observations and Conclusions

- Egypt's Interests
- International Experience
- Enhancing Egypt's WTO Participation in the WTO Legal Framework
 - Including Dispute Settlement