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Session 4: State of Play in WTO Accessions

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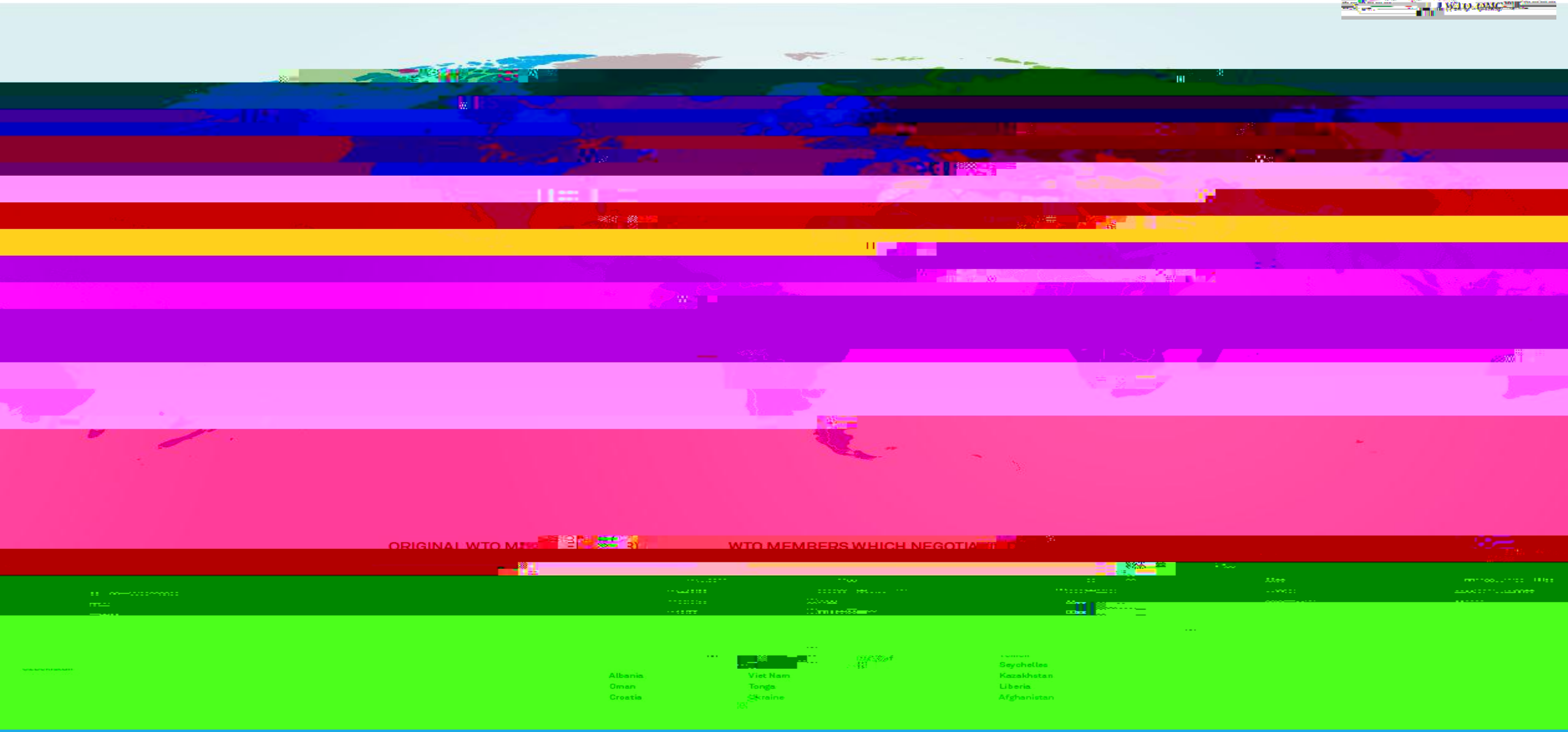
Overview

Map of WTO Members and Observers



Africa	Europe/CIS	Asia Pacific	Middle East	Americas
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Algeria, 1987 Sudan*, 1994 Ethiopia*, 2003 Libya, 2004 Sao Tomé and Principe* 2005 Comoros*, 2007 Equatorial Guinea, 2008 Somalia*, 2016 South Sudan*, 2017	Belarus, 1993 Uzbekistan, 1994 Azerbaijan, 1997 Andorra, 1997 Bosnia & Herzegovina, 1999 Serbia, 2005	Bhutan*, 1999 1999		

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Acceding Government (Working Party establishment)	Number of WP meeting(s) held	Number of documents issued to the WP	Number of questions replied to by Acceding Governments
Algeria (1987)	12	105	1897
Belarus (1993)	12	173	2955
Sudan* (1994)	4	88	917
Uzbekistan (1994)	3	34	1348
Azerbaijan (1997)	14	110	2338
Andorra (1997)	1	17	225
Lebanese Republic (1999)	7	61	834
Bosnia & Herzegovina987)			

Secretariat Support to Acceding Governments

1. Training & Technical Assistance

2019: WTO Rules (2 weeks, February) and Market Access on Goods (one week, November)
2020: Agriculture (one week, October) and Market Acccess on Services (one week, TBC)

2. Experience-sharing on WTO Accessions

Best practices in accession negotiations, LDC accessions and post-accession; African/Eurasian Perspectives on MTS; WTO Rules; Accession Negotiators Network

3rd Dialogue, Addis Ababa, 3-7 February 2020 t «Economic transformation through WTO membership and AfCFTA

3. Support to Accession-related Groups

ad hoc

4. Information Dissemination on WTO Accessions

«Coherence in WTO Accessions» (2019); «Developments in the Management of Accession Negotiations» (2018)
«Accessions and the Business Environment» (2017); «Accession for Structural Reforms and Economic Diversification» (2016

Accessing

1. What are the biggest challanges in your accession?

2. What is needed to overcome these challanges?