

HIGH LEVEL MISSION TO INDIA, DELHI-MUMBAI 7-12 December 2023

Draft Programme

Specific objectives of the HLM (referenced in the programme) include:

SO1. Delivering accurate and relevant market intelligence and market access information to the business delegates.

SO2. Facilitating business networking and establishment of relevant and viable business contacts between the business delegates and the local counterparts.

SO3. Facilitating networking between the business delegates and the Commissioner, other Commission officials, EU Delegation, MS diplomatic and commercial representatives, chambers of commerce and other organisations relevant to trade promotion.

SO4. Raising the visibility and profile of EU agri-food products by highlighting their key merits, mainly towards the local business audience and the media.

In parallel, the Commissioner's programme will serve a **supporting objective** of improving and strengthening the market access for EU agri-food products in India.

Day 0 or 1: 6 or 7 December 2023 Wednesday or Thursday	Business Delegation
	Arrival of the business delegation in Delhi Pick-up/ transfer to hotel
Day 1: Thursday 7 December 2023	Business Delegation
Morning	

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9:00-10:30	Market access seminar programme, including local speakers
	"How to export agri-food products to India" – plenary session
	Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO3
	TOPICS - tbc
	 The Indian F&B market Exporting F&B to India Export procedures / regulations Hygiene and Procedures at Quarantine Sections
	Coffee break
	 The wholesale, retail, e-commerce, transportation and delivery systems of the distribution channels in India Consumer trends for F&B
	Communicating in India on agrifood products
	The audience to include representatives of the EU MS and chambers of commerce
	Venue: at hotel
From 10:30 am	Transport to SIAL
Around 12:00-14:00 (TBC)	Opening ceremony of the SIAL fair
	Opening ceremony of the EU pavilion at SIAL, timing TBC
14:00-15:00	Free time for lunch
Afternoon	B2B matchmaking meetings
15:00-17:30 pm	Objective: SO2
	 Speeddating meetings Meeting slots for sector organisations improving trade ties
	Location: at the SIAL fair premises
	Guided visits of the fair in groups in parallel

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17:30 pm	Transfer to Hotel
Evening	Internal Networking Dinner (for Business Delegates only)
19:00 – Registration + Welcome drink	Objectives: SO3
19:30 – Welcome address	Welcome by the Commissioner
19:40 – Talk "Understanding India"	Buffet style dinner
20:00 – Dinner	Venue: Hotel
22:00 - End	
Day 2: Friday 8 December 2023	Business Delegation
08:30 - 09:45	Working breakfast 1 with the Commissioner
	Organisation by product category tbc
	Objectives: SO3
	Venue : Hotel
	Transfer to SIAL fair
10:00 - 11:30	Presence at fair: free time, business meetings
11:30 - 13:30	EU featured conference and product-oriented sessions at SIAL fair
	Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO4
	Product categories: tbc depending on the composition of the BD
	Speakers: Commissioner Wojciechowski and other high level speakers, EU sectoral/umbrella organisations Indian stakeholders: importers, retailers (stand alone, e-commerce, organised retail), chefs, purchase managers
	In parallel continuous B2B matchmaking opportunities at the SIAL fair

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	premises are offered
13:30-14:30	Networking lunch
14:30- 17:00	Time at SIAL fair/B2B meetings plus potential additional business seminar/networking with EU MS representatives at SIAL
	Objectives: SO1, SO2, SO4
18:00 – Registration in lobby	Official dinner hosted by the Commissioner in presence of Business Delegates, EU Member States Ambassadors, counsellors, chambers of commerce, leading Indian importers, retailers, distributors, HORECA etc.
18:30 – 19:00 cocktail	Objectives: SO2, SO3, SO4
19:00 - 19:30 cooking show	Cooking show by EU chef ambassador (TBC), featuring selected EU food products, including GIs and wines followed by dinner
19:30 – 21:00 dinner	Venue: Hotel
Day 3: Saturday 9 December 2023	Business Delegation
08:30 – 09:45	Working breakfast 2 with the Commissioner
	Organisation by product category tbc
	Objectives: SO3
	Venue : Hotel
09:45 – 12:30	Retail and site visits arranged according to BD profiles
	Objectives: SO1, SO2
	Fixed itineraries per product category (TBD)
	E.g. retail tour, wet market, gourmet store, factory visits,
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch depending on location and itinerary
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	E.g. retail tour, wet market, gourmet store, factory visits,
17:00 - 18:00	Debriefing from political meetings held by the Commissioner / press conference
Day 4: Sunday	Business Delegation
10 December 2023	
Morning	Travel to Mumbai
Afternoon and evening	Free time
Day 5: Monday 11 December 2023	Business Delegation
Morning	Retail and site visits arranged according to BD profiles
	Objectives: SO1, SO2
	Fixed itineraries per product category (TBD)
	E.g. retail tour, gourmet store,
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch with B2B professionals
Afternoon	B2B meetings:
14:00-17:00	 speeddating meetings with B2B professionals from across India Meeting slots for sector organisations improving trade ties
	Objectives: SO2
Evening	Cooking show or workshop by EU chef ambassador (TBC), featuring selected EU food products, including GIs and wines, with dinner and network opportunities with B2B professionals from across India
Day 6: Tuesday	Business Delegation
12 December 2023	
Morning	Retail and site visits arranged according to BD profiles
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	Objectives: SO1, SO2
	Fixed itineraries per product category (TBD)
	E.g. factory visits (food processing)
Afternoon/Evening	Return flights back to Europe