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Preparations for Negotiations and Managing Expectations

Developed-Developing Country FTAs

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## Preparations for Negotiations and Managing Expectations

- Preparing for negotiation
  - Resources
  - Understanding your domestic regime
  - Consultations with domestic agencies
  - Consultations with stakeholders
- Managing the expectations of key stakeholders

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## Developed –Developing Country FTAs

- Levels of development and labour negotiations
- Challenges for developing countries
  - Resources and experience
  - Managing sensitive issues
  - Offensive issues– Non-discrimination/Cooperation/Capacity Building
- Challenges for developed countries
  - Market access and labour issues
  - Political and public expectations

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### Dispute Settlement

Experience of dispute settlement and labour provisions

Implications of different dispute settlement approaches for negotiations

Cooperative models

Monetary compensation

Suspension of benefits

Are there implications for international labour relations?

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