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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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