

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce & Textile
Commerce Division

Subject:- WTO advanced workshop on Government Procurement and Governance (in English) Geneva, Switzerland, 13-15 November 2018

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of World Trade Organization Geneva's letter along with its enclosure on the above noted subject.

2. It is requested that the information contained in the above mentioned letter may please be uploaded on the web site of Commerce Division for information of the officers. The required nomination will be received in Admn-Section latest by 30-09-2018.



(Ali Qayyum Raja)
Deputy Director (MOC)

Mr. Aamir Sharif, Database Administrator, Commerce Division, Islamabad
Admn.I/MOC Section's U.O No. 5(4)/2018-Admn.I/MOC dated 19-09-2018



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To:	Heads of Delegation WTO Members and Observers	E-mail:	List attached
From:	Bridget Chilala  Director Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation	Date:	17/09/2018
	Antony Taubman Director Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Divison		
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WTO ADVANCED WORKSHOP GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Geneva, Switzerland

13-15 November 2018

Within the framework of the World Trade Organization's Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2018-2019 (WT/COMTD/W/227/Rev.1), the WTO Secretariat, with the financial assistance of the Global Trust Fund, is organizing an **Advanced Workshop on Government Procurement and Governance** for the benefit of participants from eligible WTO Members and Observers. Participants eligible for funding will be individually selected on the basis of their current responsibilities and experience in trade, government procurement policy and governance and related issues.

The Workshop will be held from **13 to 15 November 2018**, at the headquarters of the WTO in **Geneva**. It aims to familiarize participants with: (i) the role of trade instruments, in particular the GPA, in promoting competition and good governance and their contribution to combatting corruption in government procurement markets; (ii) the contribution of competition policy instruments to the efficient functioning of government procurement markets, including in combatting supplier collusion; (iii) the role of effective institutions and related domestic review systems in promoting transparency, predictability, and the efficient functioning of government procurement markets; and (iv) the synergies and complementarities in international disciplines in this area, and their significance for global policy coherence in promoting good governance in public procurement markets. It thus seeks to facilitate policy analysis and dialogue on this issue both nationally and internationally.

..... The Workshop will be held in **English**. A draft programme is attached.

Participation in the activity

The WTO Secretariat will fund **up to two senior capital-based officials per eligible country up to a maximum of 30** officials to participate in the above activity. Additional participants up to a total of **20** may be accepted on a **self-funded** basis, **subject to an overall maximum of 50** WTO-funded and self-funded participants.

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Nominations and logistical matters

Your Government is invited to nominate **up to four senior capital-based officials, of whom up to two may be selected and funded** to participate in the activity. Ideally, one official should be from your government's procurement authority or domestic review body and one from the trade ministry, ministry of finance, competition agency or other ministry or agency with policy responsibility in this area.

..... The nominations, on the attached registration form and accompanied by a brief one-page curriculum vitae (CV), must be returned, duly completed and signed by the candidate as well as by the nominating national authority, **via the Permanent Mission / Embassy to the WTO, no later than 5th of October 2018**, to Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (E-mail: logistics.unit@wto.org or Fax: +41 22/739 57 24).

A round trip airplane ticket in economy class, accommodation for the duration of the course, a daily subsistence allowance and a terminal expenses allowance will be provided to funded candidates. Further administrative details will be communicated to selected funded participants directly. **No logistical arrangements can be made for self-funded participants.**

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel this activity in the event of force majeure or other reasons that render the execution of the activity impracticable.

Participants will be required to contribute to the activity by providing comments on their national experiences, particularly during the breakout sessions and the general discussions sessions for each topic area, and should come duly prepared.



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ADVANCED WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND GOVERNANCE

ANTI-CORRUPTION, SUPPLIER COLLUSION AND DOMESTIC REVIEW¹

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

13-15 NOVEMBER 2018

PROGRAMME (DRAFT)²

Day 1 – Tuesday, 13 November 2018, Morning

08:30 Registration and security procedures

09:00 Official Opening of the Workshop

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09.00 – 09.15	Keynote Address	[DG] [DDG Yi] (TBA)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
09:15 – 09:45	Introduction to the programme	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
	Participant expectations and objectives	Participants

¹ This Workshop has been organised by the WTO Secretariat for the benefit of WTO Members and Observers and other interested persons/organisations, and is for educational and capacity building purposes only. All views expressed are the personal responsibility of the individual speakers, and are strictly without prejudice to the views, interests or positions of WTO Members and Observers.

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SESSION 1: Government procurement as an instrument of good governance: the policy context

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
09:45 – 10:30	1.1	Good governance as an imperative of the 2012 revised GPA: essential directions, requirements and questions unresolved	Mr. Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
10:30 – 10:45	1.2	General discussion	

10:45 – 11:15 Break

SESSION 2: Promoting good governance and preventing corruption in public procurement: foundations of good policy

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
11:15 – 11:50	2.1	Good governance considerations in government procurement rules: a survey of approaches	TBA
11:50 – 12:25	2.2	Government procurement and corruption prevention: lessons from recent international experience	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University
12:25 – 12:45	2.3	General discussion	

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch break

Day 1 – Tuesday, 13 November 2018, Afternoon

SESSION 3: Preventing corruption in public procurement systems: additional tools and approaches

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
14:15 – 14:45	3.1	Trade liberalization and corruption prevention	Ms Anna Caroline Müller and Ms Antonella Salgueiro WTO Secretariat
14:45 – 15:15	3.2	Preventing corruption in public procurement systems: insights from recent OECD work	OECD Speaker
15:15 – 15:45	3.3	Anti-corruption interventions in Public Procurement: the role of big data	DIGIWHIST Speaker
15:45 – 16:00	3.4	General discussion	

SESSION 4: Concluding session for the day

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
16:00 – 16:30	4.1	Summary reflections and observations	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University

16:30 Close for the Day

Day 2 – Wednesday, 14 November 2018, Morning

[Participant Interaction with the Director, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation]

Time	Subject	Speaker
09.00 – 09.10	Welcome note	Ms Bridget Chilala Director, ITTC WTO
09:10 – 09:25	Q&A/General discussion	

SESSION 5: Regional integration: the role of procurement agreements in stabilising procurement policy

Time	Subject		Speakers
09:25 – 09:55	5.1	The GPA and regional trade agreements (RTAs): trends and basic principles	Mr. Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
09:55 – 10:25	5.2	Policy changes underway in the United Kingdom: possible results of Brexit	Professor Sue Arrowsmith The University of Nottingham
10:25 – 10:40	5.3	General discussion	

10:40 – 11:00 Break

SESSION 6: Preventing collusion in public procurement: an essential element of pro-competitive policy

Time	Subject		Speakers
11:00 – 11:30	6.1	Preventing supplier collusion in public procurement markets: the essential role of competition law enforcement	Professor William Kovacic George Washington University
11:30 – 12:00	6.2	Current experience in tackling supplier collusion in Brazil	CADE/SEPRAC
12:00 – 12:30	6.3	General discussion	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Day 2 – Wednesday, 14 November 2018, Afternoon

SESSION 7: Additional tools for strengthening competition/ deterring collusion in the public procurement sector

Time	Subject		Speakers
14:00 – 14:25	7.1	Market research and procurement design as anti-collusion tools	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University
14:50 – 15:15	7.2	Trade liberalization as a competition enabler in the public procurement sector	Mr. Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
14:25 – 14:50	7.3	Competition advocacy as a tool for achieving better results in public procurement	Professor William Kovacic George Washington University
15:15 – 15:30	7.4	General discussion	

15:30 – 16:00 Break

SESSION 8: Combatting corruption and collusion in public procurement: a case study in the public health sector – *breakout session*

Time	Subject		Speakers
16:00 – 16:05	8.1	Introduction to the breakout session	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
16:05 – 17:00	8.2	Breakout session	Participants
17:00 – 17:30	8.3	Reporting and general discussion	

17:30 Close for the Day

Day 3 – Thursday, 15 November 2018, Morning

Effective domestic review systems: an essential tool of good governance in public procurement

SESSION 9: Domestic review: issues of institutional design

Time	Subject		Speakers
09:00 – 09:20	9.1	Domestic review procedures: GPA requirements	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
09:20 -09:50	9.2	The design of review bodies: essential requirements and alternative approaches	Professor Sue Arrowsmith The University of Nottingham
09:50 – 10:20	9.3	Domestic review in the United States: experiences and lessons learned	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University
10:20 – 10:35	9.4	General discussion	

10:35 – 10:50 Break

[Interlude with the Director, WTO Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division (IPD)]

Time	Subject	Speaker
10.50 – 11.00	Welcome note	Mr Antony Taubman Director, IPD WTO
11:00 – 11:15	Q&A/General discussion	

SESSION 10: Pre- and post-award issues

Time	Subject	Speakers
11:15 – 11:45	10.1 The role of domestic review in addressing pre-award issues/problems	Professor Sue Arrowsmith The University of Nottingham
11:45 – 12:15	10.2 Post-award issues in domestic review	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University
12:15 – 12:30	10.3 General discussion	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Day 3 – Thursday, 15 November 2018, Afternoon

SESSION 11: Ensuring the effectiveness of domestic review systems: defining appropriate remedies

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:00 – 14:30	11.1 Remedies in domestic review systems: European approaches	Professor Sue Arrowsmith The University of Nottingham
14:30 – 15:00	11.2 Remedies: United States and other international experiences	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University
15:00 – 15:15	11.3 General discussion	

15:15 – 15:30 Break

SESSION 12: Additional perspectives and experiences

Time	Subject	Speakers
15:30 – 16:00	12.1 Domestic review as a window into corruption and collusion problems: the Swiss experience	Judge Marc Steiner Swiss Federal Administrative Court
16:00 – 16:30	12.2 The role of debarment in the World Bank procurement framework	World Bank Speaker
16:30 – 16:45	12.3 General discussion	

SESSION 13: Concluding session

Time	Subject		Speakers
16:45 - 17:05	13.1	Individual review, evaluation and personal reflection	Participants
17:05 - 17:15	13.2	Concluding plenary: participants' feedback and any comments	Participants
17:15 - 17:25	13.3	Rapporteur's reflections	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School
17:25 - 17:30	13.4	Closing remarks	Mr. Carlos Vanderloo Chairman, WTO Committee on Government Procurement

17:30 **Close and end of Workshop**



WTO APPLICATION FORM

WTO ADVANCED WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND
GOVERNANCE (in English).

GENEVA (Switzerland), 13-15 November 2018

DEADLINE: **5th of OCTOBER 2018**

PART I

To be completed by the Applicant in ENGLISH (in CAPITAL LETTERS if handwritten)

MANDATORY: ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION AND **A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT AND A ONE-PAGE CV**

Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms

Surname	
Given name	
Birth date day/month/year	
Nationality	
Title/Position	
Ministry/ Government entity	
City	
Country/Separate Customs Territory	
Mobile phone n° Telephone n°	
Fax n°	
Email addresses*	* Important: all communications, documents and air-ticket will be sent by e-mail

Travel preference, if any (taken into consideration but not guaranteed)

Higher (university) education

When?	Where?	Title of qualification

Work experience

Brief description of your current responsibilities	
On which date did you take up your current functions?	
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WTO training undertaken

Have you successfully completed a WTO e-Learning course(s)? If so, which one (with dates)?	
Other WTO course(s) undertaken & dates	

What is the objective that you would like to achieve by participating in this Seminar?

Additional information about the activity

Target Numbers: A maximum of up to 30 nominees will be selected and funded by the WTO to participate in this activity. A further up to 20 participants may be accepted on a self-funded basis.

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The Nominating Authority	
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- Officially nominates:

Name of candidate	
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to attend the WTO Advanced Workshop on Government Procurement and Governance. The Nominating Authority:

- confirms that the candidate fulfils the language requirements and meets the selection criteria; and
- acknowledges that this nomination is subject to the decisions of the WTO Selection Committee and to the conditions described in the Annex to this application, which we have thoroughly read and accept.

PLEASE CLEARLY INDICATE IF YOU ARE REQUESTING WTO FINANCING FOR THIS CANDIDACY
(CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

YES

NO

Details of the official responsible for nominating this candidate:

Surname	
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By signing this form, the Candidate and the Nominating Authority certify that all the information included is complete and correct

Date & signature (Candidate)	Date, <u>signature & STAMP</u> (Nominating Authority)
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ANNEX: CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN WTO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

Travel, air-tickets, visas, transit visas, accommodation and subsistence allowances

1. Countries are implementing very strict visa policies. Please check your Schengen visa and transit visas requirements several weeks in advance. Make the necessary arrangements in your country to obtain them for your full roundtrip. The WTO is not authorized to intervene in this matter and is not responsible for visa fees and other financial issues.
2. You will not be consulted for your travel itinerary. However, your preference will be taken into consideration but is not guaranteed.
3. The organizers will provide you with a round-trip airplane ticket in economy-class, a terminal expenses allowance, accommodation, and a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the activity in Geneva.
4. Administrative and logistical details will be communicated by e-mail to the selected participants directly.

The WTO Secretariat DOES NOT assume financial or any other responsibility for:

1. Expenses incurred in connection with foreign travel formalities (visas, transit visas, taxes, travel to get visas, medical examinations, vaccinations, etc.), expenses during the journey resulting from lack of transit visa or from insufficient passport validity.
2. Salaries of the participants during their participation in the Activity.
3. Travel or other expenses of any additional persons accompanying the participants.
4. Travel or medical or accident insurance, medical treatment or hospitalisation during travel or participation in the Activity.
5. Loss or damage to the personal effects of the participants during travel or attendance at the Activity.
6. Any modification made by you regarding the hotel booking and the related logistical arrangements.
7. Any personal service or facility you may request during your stay in the hotel where you are accommodated by the WTO, such as: business centre, internet connections, phone calls, room service, laundry, mini-bar or any kind of ground transport.
8. Any modification made BY THE AIRLINE OR BY YOU in connection with the itinerary or the air-tickets issued by the WTO Travel Agency in Geneva. Any additional fees, charges and/or penalties for the air-ticket modifications WILL BE COVERED BY YOU AND NOT BY THE ORGANIZERS.
9. Any damages made by you to the facilities to which you have access during your stay (i.e. hotel room) which will be your responsibility.

I, the undersigned Applicant, declare that I have carefully read this application form and that I accept the aforementioned conditions:

Date, name, signature of the candidate & stamp

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