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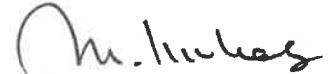
C I R C U L A R

Subject: - **E-SEMINAR ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT -
17, 24 SEPTEMBER AND 1 OCTOBER (HALF DAYS)**

A self-explanatory letter received from WTO, Mission Geneva, vide email dated 22nd July, 2020, alongwith annexure is enclosed for uploading on the website of Ministry of Commerce for information of officers.

2. Interested officers who fulfill the eligibility criteria may forward their nomination to Admn-I/MoC Section with approval of the concerned Head of Wing/Joint Secretary/DG's by **06-08-2020** positively for onward submission to the WTO, Mission Geneva.

Encl: **As above**



(Muhammad Imtiaz)
Deputy Director (MoC)

Manager (IT), Ministry of Commerce with the request to kindly upload the same on the website of this Ministry.

C Fw: Invitation - E-Seminar on Competition Policy, Trade and Development - 17, 24 September and 1 October (half-days)

Inbox

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Jul 22, 2020, 7:49 PM
(12 hours ago)

to sosc, sosc.moc, me, jsadmin, ashfaq.ahmad, Muhammad

Dear colleagues,
Kindly find attached an invitation to submit applications on the subject course.

Below are the process for the application. Kindly be reminded that application will have to be sent by this Permanent Mission as indicated in the below application steps.

The Application Process

- Interested candidates need to duly complete and submit the online application form, which is available at https://wto.formstack.com/forms/2020_competition_trade_development_seminar.
- The online application form requires uploading a scanned copy of the passport and of the official nomination letter, signed and stamped by the competent government authority that is nominating the candidate. A template for such a letter to be signed and stamped by the national authority can be found in Annex 1 to the attached invitation letter.
- Upon submission, the candidate will receive a confirmation email and will have to forward it to the Permanent Mission/Embassy for validation. The Permanent Mission/Embassy needs then forward this confirmation to logistics.unit@wto.org so the candidacy will be considered.

Deadline for submission of candidacies: FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST 2020 via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to logistics.unit@wto.org

Best regards,
Haja

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Discussed with Director (HR & CF) before uploading the information on website of MOC.



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To:	Heads of Delegations WTO Members and Observers	Fax No:	List Attached
From:	Bridget Chilala  Director Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation	Date:	20/07/2020
		Pages:	3 (including this one)
	Antony Taubman  Director Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division	Ref:	VIR20-6

WTO ONLINE THEMATIC SEMINAR ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

17, 24 SEPTEMBER AND 1 OCTOBER (HALF-DAYS)

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization, with the financial assistance of the Global Trust Fund, is organizing the **2020 Online Seminar on Competition Policy, Trade and Development** for the benefit of participants from WTO Members and Observers (WT/COMTD/W/248/Rev.1). The online Seminar will be held over three half-days: **17 September (day 1), 24 September (day 2) and 1 October (day 3)** through a virtual platform.

The Online Seminar

The purpose of this e-Seminar is to provide an opportunity for participants to enhance their awareness of the complementarities of competition and trade policies in support of economic development, with particular reference to the WTO covered agreements, including the TRIPS Agreement and the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA). As a case study, the e-Seminar will use and examine the relationship of competition, trade, intellectual property rights protection, government procurement, and development policy, in the public health sector to highlight the growing importance of this relationship during the COVID-19 pandemic. The e-Seminar will also look at whether international trade cooperation can provide lessons for and even foment international cooperation in the field of competition policy. Special attention will be given to the inclusion of competition policy in a majority of recent regional trade agreements.

The programme combines presentations by international experts in pre-recorded format. Owing to time differences, it is expected that live interaction may be limited or excluded. An effort will be made to allow for appropriate deferred interaction (Q&As, participant surveys). A draft programme is attached. The **Online Seminar** will be held in **English only**.*

Participation in the activity

The Governments of Members and Observers to the WTO, who are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to nominate **up to three senior capital-based officials** to be considered to participate in the above activity. Ideally, at least one official should be from your government's trade ministry and one from your competition enforcement agency or other ministry or agency with policy responsibility in an area. **Up to 40 participants** will be selected by the WTO Secretariat to participate in this activity.

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Preference will be given to nominees having policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in competition policy and/or related aspects of trade policy. The Organizers reserve the right to select candidates and to decline the candidature of nominees who do not meet these requirements.

The Application Process

The application process consists of the following steps:

1. Interested candidates need to duly complete and submit the online application form, which is available at https://wto.formstack.com/forms/2020_competition_trade_development_seminar.
2. The online application form requires uploading a scanned copy of the passport and of the official nomination letter, signed and stamped by the competent government authority that is nominating the candidate. A template for such a letter to be signed and stamped by the national authority can be found in Annex 1 to this invitation letter.
3. The application form, including the passport and nomination letter, should be submitted via the online application system **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST 2020**
4. Applications are to be validated by the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO. Validations should be addressed by fax or email to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (Fax No: +41 22 739 5724; Email: logistics.unit@wto.org) **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST 2020**

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel this activity in the event of force majeure, if sufficient funding cannot be secured in time, or for any other reason that render the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

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

*Français/Español

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un séminaire virtuel sur la politique de la concurrence, le commerce international et le développement, à Genève, le 17 septembre (jour 1), le 24 septembre (jour 2) et le 1^{er} octobre (jour 3) 2020. Ce séminaire étant en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature sont distribués en anglais uniquement.

La Organización Mundial de Comercio organiza un seminario en línea sobre la política de competencia, el comercio internacional y el desarrollo en Ginebra, el 17 de septiembre (día 1), el 24 de septiembre (día 2) y el 1 de octubre (día 3) de 2020. Este seminario en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.

ANNEX 1

TEMPLATE FOR NOMINATION LETTER TO BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND STAMPED BY THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY NOMINATING THE CANDIDATE

The [Ministry/Directorate/National Office] of [Member/Observer] officially nominates [name of candidate] to participate in the Seminar on Competition Policy, Trade and Development, scheduled to take place in Geneva, Switzerland, 17 September (day 1), 24 September (day 2) and 1 October (day 3) and hereby confirms that: (i) the candidate has policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in trade and/or competition policy matters; (ii) has full command of English and will be able to successfully and actively participate in the programme; and (iii) is fully aware that this nomination is subject to the decisions of the WTO Selection Committee and to the conditions described in the conditions to participate in WTO technical assistance activities.

DETAILS OF THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR NOMINATING THIS CANDIDATE:

Name	
Family Name	
Current Post	
Government Authority	
Telephone	
Email address	

By signing this form, the Nominating Authority certifies that all the information included is complete and correct.

Date	Signature	Stamp
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**WTO ONLINE SEMINAR ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
ORGANIZED BY THE WTO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND
COMPETITION DIVISION**

DRAFT PROGRAMME*

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Welcome and introduction to the programme of the E- seminar	Mr Antony Taubman / Mr Reto Malacrida IPD	5-10

**Day 1: TRADE POLICY AND COMPETITION POLICY: EXPLOITING COMPLEMENTARITIES IN
SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1.1 Competition policy and trade policy: their complementarities and how to optimize their use in support of economic development	Mr Robert Anderson Nottingham University	30
1.2 The role of competition policy for development in a context of global trade relations: developing countries' experiences to date	Ms Theresa Moreira, Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD	30
1.3 Trade and competition at the WTO: overview of competition policy elements in the WTO Agreements (trade in goods, trade in services and trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights)	IPD: possibly 3 colleagues Mr Reto Malacrida Mr Jianning Chen Ms Anna Mueller	45 (3x15)
[1.4 A personal [developing country] perspective of a top-level cross-cutting expert]	[Mr Ernesto Perez-Motta, Mexico's former WTO Ambassador, ex Chair of Mexico's Competition authority]	30
1.5 Participants' opinion survey	Participants	
1.6 Participants share comments and interact in real-time via the virtual platform		
1.7 Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours		

**Day 2 – CASE STUDY ON PUBLIC HEALTH: COORDINATED USE OF TRADE POLICY AND
COMPETITION POLICY TO ACHIEVE DESIRABLE PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES,
WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>Duration</u>
2.1 Towards a holistic approach to trade, IP protection, government procurement, competition and development policy: the COVID-19 pandemic as a possible catalyst	IPD Mr Antony Taubman / Mr Roger Kampf	20

* Draft v. 1.7 – Version date: 15.07.2020.

2.2	The TRIPS Agreement and access to medical technologies and innovation: achieving coherence between competition and IP policies	IPD Ms Anna Mueller	20'
2.3	The Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) and public health procurement: preventing collusive tendering and corrupt practices	Nottingham University, IPD, EBRD	50' (20, 10, 20)
2.3.1	The GPA as a tool for the prevention of collusive tendering and corrupt practices in the public health sector: an overview	Mr Robert Anderson Nottingham University	
2.3.2	The GPA as a tool for fighting corruption: first empirical insights	Ms Nadezhda Sporysheva IPD	
2.3.3	[Addressing collusive and corrupt practices during the COVID-19 pandemic: the role of e-procurement]	[Mrs Antonella Salgueiro, EBRD]	
2.4	Public health emergency situations: Strategies for effective international government procurement in a seller's market	IPD & UNCTAD	30' (2x15')
[2.4.1	Emergency procurement options under the GPA]	Mr Philippe Pelletier IPD	
[2.4.2	Competition challenges in emergency procurement: the importance of cooperation of procuring entities and competition authorities	Ms Akari Yamamoto [or Ebru Gokce], Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD	
2.5	Participants share comments and interact in real-time via the virtual platform	Participants	
2.6	Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours		

Day 3: CAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE COOPERATION FOMENT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITION?

Subject	Speakers	Duration
3.1 Competition policy chapters in free trade agreements: initial assessment based on WTO research	Ms Anna Mueller / Ms Nadezhda Sporysheva IPD	30'
3.2 Multilateral trade cooperation under the auspices of the WTO: possible lessons for international cooperation in the field of competition policy	Mr Reto Malacrida IPD	20'
3.3 Negotiating a binding bilateral agreement on cross-border cooperation among competition authorities: a negotiator's perspective [TBD]	[Hanspeter Tschäni, former Ambassador in charge of international competition law, Swiss State Secretariat of the Economy]	30'
3.4 Non-binding forms of international cooperation in the field of competition policy: taking stock and looking ahead	Prof William Kovacic, GW Law School (formerly Chair, U.S. Federal Trade Commission)	30'
3.5 International cooperation in the field of competition policy: policy considerations for developing countries	[Prof Eleanor M. Fox, New York University School of Law and/or Prof Patrick Krauskopf (Zurich University of Applied Sciences)]	30'

3.6 Participants share comments and interact in real-time via the virtual platform	Participants	
3.7 Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours		

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Synthesis and closing observations: Building coherent competition, IP, government procurement policies	Mr Antony Taubman, IPD	20'
Seminar evaluation form	Participants	20'