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**CIRCULAR**

**SUBJECT: - WTO REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON FISHERIES SUBSIDIES FOR ASIAN COUNTRIES-KUALA LUMPUR (MALAYSIA)-23-25 MAY 2023**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self explanatory email along with its enclosure, received from Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the WTO Geneva on the above mentioned subject for placing on the website of the Ministry of Commerce.

2. Interested (BS-18 & Above) officers, who fulfill the eligibility criteria may send their nominations, duly approved by their respective Head(s) of the Wing(s) to HR-I Section (along with their C.V and details of availed Foreign Training/Workshops etc), latest by 30-03-2023 positively. Nominations received after the deadline will not be entertained.

Encl: As Above

  
(Shazia Mushtaq)  
Deputy Secretary (HRM)

**Database Administrator,  
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**FISH23-7 - WTO Regional Workshop on Fisheries Subsidies for Asian Countries - Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) - 23-25 May 2023**

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Dear Sir,

Kindly find attached an invitation to nominate up to **four (4) officials** to attend a workshop on Fisheries subsidies for Asian countries in Kuala Lumpur.To apply, candidates must return filled in forms with copy of passports to this Mission who will convey to the WTO **before Friday 7th April 2023.**Best regards,  
Haja

Haja Ranaivo

**Trade Development Officer****Delegation Coordinator**

Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the WTO

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**2. Agenda for the regional workshop Asia, draft (1).docx**

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# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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To: Heads of Delegations

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## WTO Regional Workshop on Fisheries Subsidies for the Asia Region

*Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 23 to 25 May 2023*

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization is organizing a **Regional Workshop on Fisheries Subsidies for Government Officials from Asian WTO Members and Observers.**

This Workshop will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 23 to 25 May 2023

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An indicative Draft Programme of the Workshop is attached.

### THE EVENT

The WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies was adopted at the 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) on 17 June 2022. The Agreement represents a historic achievement for the membership as the first Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target to be fully met, the first SDG target met through a multilateral agreement and the first WTO agreement to focus on the environment.

The WTO now has two fisheries subsidies workstreams, both of which are crucial for the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies to operate effectively in disciplining fisheries subsidies. The first workstream relates to entry into force and implementation of the new Agreement. For the Agreement to enter into force, two-thirds of Members must complete their internal acceptance processes and then deposit their "Instruments of acceptance" with the WTO. Then, for the new disciplines to have a real-world impact on subsidization, Members must fully implement them. The second workstream relates to the second wave of negotiations to which Members agreed, with the aim of making recommendations at MC13 for further enhancing the disciplines.

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The purpose of three days Regional Technical Workshop on Fisheries Subsidies is to provide a detailed understanding of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies and to allow an exchange among participating Members on the two work streams: i) entry into force and implementation; and ii) second wave negotiations.

### INVITATION TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR PARTICIPATION

You are invited to submit the names of up to four **capital-based officials**, out of which two candidates will be selected for participation in the event.

The nominees should be middle to senior level officials who have proven professional experience and responsibilities in the area of Trade, Fisheries Subsidies, and/or Fisheries Management, ideally some officials from the Ministry currently working on the WTO fisheries subsidies negotiations and some experts from the national fisheries authority with responsibility in the area of fisheries policy aimed at sustainability of fisheries. At least one nominee should be in a position to follow up on the domestic process required to deposit the instrument of acceptance for the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies to the WTO.

Participants are required to be fluent in English which will be the working language of this event.

If you have any queries regarding the programme, please contact Mr Usman Ali Khilji, Head of the Regional Desk for Asia and Pacific, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC), WTO (e-mail: ; [usmanali.khilji@wto.org](mailto:usmanali.khilji@wto.org); Tel: +41 22 739 69 36)

### COSTS COVERED FOR PARTICIPANTS

The event is sponsored by the World Trade Organization.

The WTO Secretariat will provide the participants with:

- An economy-class round-trip air-ticket (excursion fare, if applicable);
- Accommodation for the duration of the event on a full board basis (breakfasts, lunches and dinners provided);
- A return transfer between the Airport of Kuala Lumpur and the venue of accommodation during the event.

Other administrative and logistical arrangements will be communicated directly to the selected participants in due course.

### THE NOMINATION PROCESS

..... The attached Application Form must be returned, completed including participants' details, and passport biodata page and signed by the candidate as well as by the nominating national authority which presents the candidate, via the Permanent Mission to the WTO, to the Logistics Unit, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, WTO, by E-mail: [logistics.unit@wto.org](mailto:logistics.unit@wto.org), NOT LATER THAN Friday 7 April 2023. Nominations received from other sources will not be taken into consideration.

In light of the complex arrangements involved in the organization of this Workshop, the Secretariat would not be in a position to process the names of further nominees identified beyond this deadline.

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel the activity in the event of overriding circumstances beyond its control.



## **WTO APPLICATION FORM**

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON FISHERIES SUBSIDIES FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM ASIAN COUNTRIES**

**KUALA LUMPUR (Malaysia), 23-25MAY 2023**

**DEADLINE: 7 APRIL 2023**

**PART I**

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

**MANDATORY: ALL THE INFORMATION ASKED IN THIS SECTION AND A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT**

**Mr.**

**Ms.**

<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Given name</b>	
<b>Birth date</b> <i>day/month/year</i>	
<b>Nationality</b>	
<b>Title/Position</b>	
<b>Ministry/ Government entity</b>	
<b>City</b>	
<b>Country/Separate Customs Territory</b>	
<b>Mobile phone n°</b>	
<b>Telephone n°</b>	
<b>Email addresses* (professional &amp; personal)</b>	<b>* Important: all communications, documents and air-ticket will be sent by e-mail</b>

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

**Higher (university) education**

When?	Where?	Title of qualification

### Work experience

Ministry/Agency in which you work	
Brief description of your current responsibilities	
On which date did you take up your current functions?	
What was your previous post?	

### WTO training undertaken

Prior training on WTO subsidies disciplines and/or the fisheries subsidies negotiations (Indicate the provider of the training, the name of the course or module, and the dates)	
Other WTO course(s) undertaken & dates	

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

### Additional information about the activity

**Background:** Participants from the Ministry in charge of WTO negotiations must currently be working on the WTO fisheries subsidies negotiations. Participants from the fisheries authority should have responsibility in the area of fisheries policy, in particular aimed at sustainability of fisheries.

**Language skills:** This activity will be delivered in English, and participants are required to have full command of this language. By signing this application form the Applicant and Nominating Authority certify that the Applicant meets this requirement.

<b>PART II</b>	<b>To be completed by the Nominating Authority</b>
The Nominating Authority	

- Officially nominates:

Name of candidate	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to attend the WTO Workshop on Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations, to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 23 to 25 May 2023;</li> <li>• confirms that the candidate has the required policy responsibility in respect of the fisheries subsidies negotiations/sustainability-oriented fisheries policy, has full command of English, and will be able to successfully and actively participate in the programme; and</li> <li>• is fully aware 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 accepted.</li> </ul>
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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	
Given Name	
Title/Position	
Organization/Entity	
Telephone	
Email address	

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

Date & signature (Candidate)	Date, signature & STAMP (Nominating Authority)

**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 enquire several weeks in advance on the visas and transit visas you need. 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 (or full board accommodation for regional activities).
4. Administrative and logistical details will be communicated by e-mail to the selected participants directly.

**Please note that the WTO Secretariat DOES NOT assume financial or any other responsibility for items not explicitly mentioned in this Note as being covered. This means that the WTO Secretariat assumes NO responsibility for, among others, the following items:**

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, medical or accident insurance, or medical expenses regardless of their cause, during the journey to/from the activity or while attending it, including emergency treatment, hospitalization, ambulance or other transportation, evacuation and repatriation.
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**

**THIS COMPLETED FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY YOUR PERMANENT MISSION/EMBASSY, WITH A PDF COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS ONLY, AT THE LATEST BY THE DEADLINE MENTIONED ON PAGE 1**

**[logistics.unit@wto.org](mailto:logistics.unit@wto.org)**

**INCOMPLETE/ILLEGIBLE FORMS, OR FORMS NOT PRESENTED BY THE PERMANENT MISSION, OR PRESENTED BY THE PERMANENT MISSION AFTER THE DEADLINE, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**



**WTO Technical Workshop on Fisheries Subsidies for Asia Region**  
**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 23 to 25 May 2023**

**Agenda**

<b>Workshop for Asian Trade and Fisheries Officials</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 23 May 2023</b>	
9h30-10h00	Welcome and Introductions - <i>Keynote speech [TBD]</i> - <i>Introduction by WTO Secretariat [TBD]</i>
10h00-11h15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global state of fisheries resources and state of fisheries subsidies</li> <li>• International fisheries governance – overview of relevant legal instruments</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
11h15-11h30	Coffee Break
11h30-13h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional mandates on fisheries: the Asian Perspective - <i>Presentation by [TBD]</i></li> <li>• Subsidies rules in the WTO other than the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (GATT, Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and Agriculture subsidies)</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
13h00-14h30	Lunch
14h30-15h45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History of the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement</li> <li>• Brief overview of the MC12 decision on Fisheries Subsidies</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
15h45-16h00	Coffee break
16h00-17h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The key disciplines – Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, Overfished Stocks and Other Subsidies</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, 24 May 2023</b>	
9h30-10h45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-cutting issues – Notification and Transparency and Institutional Arrangements, Dispute settlement, Final Provisions</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
10h45-11h00	Coffee Break
11h00-13h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical assistance and capacity building (TACB) in the Agreement, including the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Funding Mechanism</li> <li>• Asian Perspective and Group Exercise on TACB needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ What are the 5 key challenges towards ratification and implementation of the disciplines?</li> <li>◦ What technical assistance can address those challenges?</li> <li>◦ Which donors/institutions could potentially provide assistance?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
13h00-14h30	Lunch
14:30-17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field trip [TBD]</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, 25 May 2023</b>	
9h30-10h45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fisheries policies, including subsidies and support policies in participating countries - presentations and discussion by participants</li> </ul>
10h45-11h00	Coffee break
11h00-13h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fisheries policies, including subsidies and support policies in participating countries - presentations and discussion by participants(<i>Continued...</i>)</li> </ul>
13h00-14h30	Lunch
14h30-15h45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What next – Ratification, Implementation</li> <li>• Presentation from Members on domestic acceptance process</li> </ul>
15h45-16h00	Coffee Break
16h00-17h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Wave Negotiations</li> <li>• Fisheries subsidies negotiations and the Asian Perspective - <i>Presentation by [TBD]</i></li> </ul>
17h00-17h30	Wrap up and Evaluation