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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE**

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CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: - WTO WORKSHOP ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, 10-12 JULY 2023(GENEVA, SWITZERLAND)// DEADLINE 26 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 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 18-05-2023 positively. Nominations received after the deadline will not be entertained.

Encl: As Above



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Invitation Letter // WTO Workshop on Competition Policy, Trade and Development, 10-12 July 2023 (Geneva, Switzerland) // Deadline 26 May 2023

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Dear Sir,

Please find attached an invitation letter to submit nominations on the above captioned technical assistance.

Nominated officials have to apply directly at the following link

https://wto.formstack.com/forms/competition_policy_trade_and_development_workshop_2023Deadline to submit online candidacies: **Friday, 26th May 2023.**

List of nominated officials may be shared with this Mission for their endorsement.

Best regards,
Haja

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2 attachments **Invitation Letter_Workshop on Competition Policy Trade and Development.pdf**
192K **Programme_Workshop on Competition Policy, Trade and Development.pdf**
117K



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E M A I L

To: Heads of Delegations
WTO Members and observers

E-mail: List attached

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Date: 11/05/2023

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WTO WORKSHOP ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

10-12 JULY 2023

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing the **2023 Workshop on Competition Policy, Trade and Development** for the benefit of participants from WTO Members and observers (WT/COMTD/W/248/Rev.1). The Workshop will take place on **10-12 July 2023 in Geneva**.

The Workshop

The purpose of this Workshop 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 relevant WTO agreements, including the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement, the General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS) and the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA 2012). The programme includes several case studies examining the advantages of integrated policymaking, especially in public health and government procurement domains. Attention will also be given to WTO rules relating to competitive neutrality as well as inclusion of competition policy chapters in free trade agreements. A group exercise will be organised to stimulate discussion among the participants.

The programme will comprise presentations by WTO Secretariat and other international experts. A draft programme is attached. The Workshop will be held in **English**.

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Participation in the activity

The Governments of Members of the WTO 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 of competition policy and/or related aspects of trade policy. **The maximum total number of participants for this activity is 30.**

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 and/or on the basis of the maximum number of participants.

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 selected candidates. Further administrative details will be communicated directly to the selected participants.

Participants will be required to contribute to the Workshop by providing comments on their national experiences and actively participating in the group exercise and should come duly prepared.

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/competition_policy_trade_and_development_workshop_2023
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 of this invitation letter.
3. The application form, including the passport and nomination letter, should be submitted via the online application system **NO LATER THAN 26 MAY 2023.**
4. Applications are to be validated by the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO. Validations should be addressed by email to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (E-mail: logistics.unit@wto.org) **NO LATER THAN 26 MAY 2023.**

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel this activity in the event of *force majeure*, or for any reason that renders the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

***Français/Español**

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un atelier sur la politique de la concurrence, le commerce international et le développement, à Genève, du 10 au 12 juillet 2023. Cet atelier sera en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature sont distribués en anglais uniquement.

La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza un taller sobre la política de competencia, el comercio internacional y el desarrollo en Ginebra, del 10 al 12 de julio de 2023. Este taller se dictará en Inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en Inglés.

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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 2023 WTO Workshop on Competition Policy, Trade and Development, scheduled to take place on 10-12 July 2023 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 WORKSHOP ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

10 – 12 JULY 2023

WTO HEADQUARTERS

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

ROOM S2

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Monday, 10 July 2023

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and security procedures

Time	Subject	Speaker
09:00 – 09:20	Opening remarks	Ms Anabel González, WTO Deputy Director-General (TBC)

SESSION 1: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

Time	Subject	Speaker
09:20 – 09:45	1.1 General international legal framework for the conduct of competition policy: Relevant legal instruments (UN Set, OECD recommendations, ICA principles)	WTO Secretariat

09:45 – 10:15 Break

Time	Subject	Speakers
10:15 – 11:15	1.2 Competition policy in a globalised economy: Current issues and developments	Virtual session with an invited speaker
11:15 – 12:15	1.3 Leveraging competition policy for development: A conversation	Ms Teresa Moreira, UNCTAD (TBC)

12:15 – 14:00 Lunch break

SESSION 2: COMPETITION POLICY AND TRADE POLICY

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:00 – 14:30	2.1 Competition policy and trade policy: Similarities, differences and complementarities	WTO Secretariat

SESSION 3: TRADE AND COMPETITION IN THE WTO

Session 3.1: Existing competition-related WTO rules

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:30 - 15:00	Overview 3.1 General introduction to relevant rules (trade in goods, trade in services and trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights)	WTO Secretariat
15:00 - 15:30	The GATS 3.2 The WTO telecommunication reference paper: Promoting best competition policy practices in telecommunications regulation and the <i>Mexico-Telmex</i> dispute	WTO Secretariat

15:30 - 16:00 Break

Time	Subject	Speakers
16:00 - 17:00	The TRIPS Agreement 3.3 Competition policy and intellectual property rights covered by the TRIPS Agreement: Initial experience and assessment based on WTO/WIPO research	WTO Secretariat, WIPO Secretariat

Day 2 - Tuesday, 11 July 2023

SESSION 3: TRADE AND COMPETITION IN THE WTO (CONT'D)

Session 3.1: Existing competition-related WTO rules (cont'd)

Time	Subject	Speakers
09:00 - 09:45	The TRIPS Agreement (cont'd) 3.4 Case study on integrated policymaking in the public health domain: The TRIPS Agreement, access to medical technologies, innovation and competition	WTO Secretariat
09:45 - 10:45	The GPA 2012 3.5 Case study on integrated policymaking in the government procurement domain: Safeguarding competition in government procurement tendering 3.5.1 OECD analytical work on measures to detect and prevent collusive tendering 3.5.2 Detection of bid rigging cartels using statistics methods: An example from competition law enforcement practice	WTO Secretariat (Introduction) OECD Secretariat WTO Member representative
10:45 - 12:15	3.6 Workshop participants' exercise: Interaction of trade liberalization, government procurement and competition policy in the public health policy domain	Workshop participants, WTO Secretariat

12:15 – 14:00

Lunch break

Session 3.2: Past WTO exploratory discussions on stand-alone WTO rules on competition

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:00– 14:45	3.7 The (inactive) Working Group on the Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy: A conversation with the former Secretary to the Working Group	Virtual session with an invited speaker or WTO Secretariat

SESSION 4: THE ROLE OF COMPETITION AUTHORITIES IN TRADE AND COMPETITION

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:45 – 16:00	4.1 Panel discussion: Integrating the competition perspective into trade policy design and application: Is there a role for competition authorities?	Virtual panel discussion with invited speakers

16:00 – 16:15

Break

Time	Subject	Speakers
16:15 – 17:00	4.2 Case study: The 2023 bilateral agreement on competition investigations between Germany and Switzerland	WTO Member representatives

Day 3 - Wednesday, 12 July 2023

SESSION 5: TRADE AND COMPETITION OUTSIDE THE WTO (FTAs, DEAs, DEPAs)

Time	Subject	Speakers
09:00 – 10:00	5.1 Competition policy chapters in FTAs, DEAs and DEPAs: Initial assessment based on WTO research	WTO Secretariat

10:00 – 10:15

Break

Time	Subject	Speakers
10:15 – 11:15	5.2 Competition policy chapters in FTAs, DEAs and DEPAs: A negotiating perspective	WTO Member representative(s)

SESSION 6: TRADE AND COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY IN THE WTO

Time	Subject	Speakers

11:15 - 12:00	6.1 Relevant WTO rules on subsidies and state-trading enterprises; the WTO reform debate; and the report on <i>Subsidies, Trade and International Cooperation</i> by IMF, OECD, World Bank and WTO	WTO Secretariat
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12:00 - 13:30

Lunch break

SESSION 7: WORKSHOP EVALUATION

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
13:30 - 14:00	7.1 Individual review and evaluation of the course	Workshop participants

SESSION 8: OUTLOOK ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF COMPETITION POLICY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:00 - 15:00	8.1 International cooperation in the field of competition policy: Policy considerations for developing countries	Virtual session with an invited speaker

15:00- 15:30

Break

SESSION 9: CONCLUDING SESSION

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
15:30 - 16:00	9.1 Closing remarks	WTO Secretariat