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**SUBJECT: - ADVANCE WORKSHOP ON AGRICULTURE NOTIFICATION
2023-2024**

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 23-08-2023 positively. Nominations received after the deadline will not be entertained.

Encl: As Above



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Invitation Letter // Advanced Workshop on Agriculture Notifications 2023-2024

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Dear Sir,

Kindly find attached an invitation to submit nominations for the above TA activity.

As indicated in the invitation letter, this TA activity will be in two phases: the first one will be online and the second one will be in person in Geneva.

Complete and signed nomination forms with the necessary attachments (passport copy) are requested to kindly be conveyed to this Mission before 4th September 2023 for onward transmission to the WTO Secretariat.

Best regards,

Haja

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3 attachments **Invitation Letter_Advanced Workshop on Agriculture Notifications.pdf**
88K **Programme_Advanced Workshop on Agriculture Notifications.pdf**
89K **Application Form_Advanced Workshop on Agriculture Notifications.doc**
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To: Heads of Delegation	Email: List attached
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WTO ADVANCED WORKSHOP ON AGRICULTURE NOTIFICATIONS

(IN ENGLISH)

3-5 October 2023 (virtual), September 2024 (in person)

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization is organizing an Advanced Workshop on Agriculture Notifications (in English) to be conducted in two phases. The first phase of the Workshop will be organized in a virtual setting and will take place from 3-5 October 2023. The second phase will entail in-person participation planned during September 2024 in Geneva. The Workshop is a Level 3 specialized training activity implemented within the WTO Progressive Learning Strategy and it represents the highest level of learning among WTO training activities.¹ A draft programme for the event is attached.

WTO Members and Observers that are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities are invited to nominate one capital-based official. The candidate must be directly responsible for the preparation and/or analysis of notifications or have demonstrably commensurate knowledge and professional experience in preparing and analysing notifications under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

In order to maximize the impact of this workshop, candidates who have completed the WTO's E-Learning course on the Agreement on Agriculture (or attended a face-to-face course on this subject) will be given priority in the selection process.² Candidates who have completed such training should indicate this on their application. Similarly, candidates from Members with low levels of notification compliance and from those Members and Observers that have not benefited from the course in recent editions will be given priority. Following the initial selection process, candidates for the first phase may be invited to participate in an online interview before final selection. To participate in the in-person training (second phase) participants will have to successfully complete the first phase (virtual) of the training. The participants will also be strongly

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¹ For further details about the WTO Progressive Learning Strategy, see the Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2022-2023 (WT/COMTD/W/260/Rev.1). The TA Plan can also be accessed at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/teccop_e/tct_e.htm.

² Please visit the WTO E-Learning website at <https://www.learning.wto.org/> for information about online courses or you can also contact ellearning@wto.org.

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encouraged to come ready with a draft of at least one outstanding agriculture notification, or the relevant data and information necessary to prepare it, during the second in-person phase of the Workshop.

The WTO Secretariat will select a total of 30 candidates for the Workshop from among the Members and Observers that are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities of the WTO. The participation of these 30 selected candidates will be financed by the WTO for the second phase of the training (i.e., a return economy class ticket, a terminal expenses allowance, daily subsistence allowance, including accommodation for the duration of the workshop).

..... The attached Application Form must be returned, completed and signed by the candidate as well as by the nominating national authority which puts forward the candidate, **via their Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO, at the latest by 5 September 2023.**

Applications for this workshop should be submitted along with a current CV indicating successful completion of the relevant training on the Agreement on Agriculture. The Application Form should be returned by fax or email to **the Logistics Unit, Institute of Training and Technical Cooperation, (Email: logistics.unit@wto.org).**

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 for the organizers.

***Français/Español**

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un atelier sur les notifications concernant l'agriculture. Cet atelier étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et les formulaires de candidature et de nomination sont distribués en anglais uniquement.

La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza un taller sobre las notificaciones relativas a la agricultura. Este taller será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación serán distribuidos sólo en inglés.



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3-5 October 2023 (virtual)

1st Phase- VIRTUAL TRAINING

3 October 2023

- 13:00-13:15** **Opening session**
- (AGCD)
 - (ITTC)
- 13:15-13:30** **Quiz**
- 13:30-14:00** **Notification Requirements**
- Overview
- , AGCD
- 14:00-15:00** **Domestic support**
- Basic provisions- a refresher
- , AGCD
- 15:00-16:30** **Domestic support**
- Classification exercise (breakout session)
- , AGCD

4 October 2023

- 13:00-15:30** **Table DS:1**
- The tables and supporting tables
 - Practical exercise and case study (breakout session)
- Explanation of group assignments**
- , AGCD
- 15:30-15:45** **Break**
- 15:45-16:30** **Table DS:1**
- Group reporting
 - Debate and Q&A
- , AGCD

1st Phase- VIRTUAL TRAINING

5 October 2023

- 13:00-14:00** **Export Subsidies**
- Nairobi Export Competition Decision
 - Export Competition Questionnaire (ECQ) and ECQ-IMS
 - Q&A
- , AGCD
- 14:00-14:15** **Break**
- 14:15-16:00** **Agriculture Information Management System**
- The agriculture notification submission system
 - Exercise Table DS:1 notification
- 16:00-16:30** **Closing**
- , ITTC
 - , AGCD

Logistics for the 2nd Phase: In-person training scheduled to take place in September 2023

Reading material

- "The WTO Agreements Series – Agriculture" (Third Edition), pp. 71-102.
 - Handbook on Notification Requirements under the Agreement on Agriculture.
 - Compliance with notification obligations - G/AG/GEN/86/Rev.42.
 - Bali Ministerial Decisions on General Services - WT/MIN(13)/37.
 - Nairobi Ministerial Decisions on Export Competition - WT/MIN(15)/45.
 - Background document by the WTO secretariat for the follow-up to the Nairobi Ministerial Decision on Export competition – G/AG/W/125/Rev.14 plus addenda.
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