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CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: - SINAPORE- WTO WORKSHOP-TRADE REMEDIES DISCIPLINES

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/relevant officers from **Main Ministry and its Attached Departments** who fulfill the eligibility criteria may send their nominations, duly approved by their respective Head(s) of the Wing(s)/Departments to HR-I Section (along with their C.V , Services Profile and details of availed Foreign Training/Workshops etc), latest by **28-09-2023 positively**. *Nominations received after the deadline will not be entertained.*

Encl: **As Above**

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WTO Members and Observers (TA Beneficiaries) Email: List attached

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SINGAPORE - WTO WORKSHOP ON WTO TRADE REMEDIES DISCIPLINES (In English)*

Singapore

28 - 30 November 2023

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing together with the Government of Singapore, through the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), a **Workshop on WTO Trade Remedies Disciplines**.

..... This Workshop will be held in **Singapore, from 28 to 30 November 2023**. An Indicative Draft Programme of the Workshop is attached.

THE WORKSHOP

The main objective of this Workshop is to develop a broad understanding of WTO Trade Remedies Disciplines. The Workshop will provide details of developments in the relevant WTO committees as well as a detailed review of the WTO rules that apply to the initiation and conduct of Anti-Dumping, Countervailing Duty, and Safeguards investigations. Among other things, the Workshop will review the relationship between the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and agricultural subsidies and provide an overview of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies. The Workshop will also provide participants the opportunity to exchange views and share national and regional experiences and challenges in this area.

INVITATION TO PROPOSE CANDIDATES FOR PARTICIPATION

You are invited to submit the names of **three capital-based officials**, for consideration in the selection process. The nominees should be middle to senior-level officials with proven professional experience and responsibilities in the area of Trade Remedies, ideally relating to one or more of the subject areas covered by the programme. Preference will be given to nominees who also participate in discussions on the above issues in international and multilateral fora. However, if selected, only one participant per Member will be provided with financial support from Singapore.

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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 of the Workshop on Trade Remedies Disciplines, please contact Usman Ali Khilji, Head for Asia and Pacific Economies Regional Desk, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC), WTO (e-mail: usmanali.khilji@wto.org; Tel: +41 22 739 69 36).

CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

The WTO Secretariat will conduct a selection process to fill the **30 available spaces** for the Workshop. Applications will only be considered from candidates whose experience and current job description are directly relevant to Trade Remedies in at least one of the subject areas of the Workshop. Prior participation in WTO training activities in these areas (or equivalent training provided by another competent international organization) would be considered an advantage. Alternatively, applicants may also show commensurate knowledge or professional experience.

For entry into Singapore, participants would be required to comply with prevailing public health as well as entry requirements as indicated at [this website](#).

COST COVERED FOR PARTICIPANTS

The workshop is sponsored by the Singapore Government under the Singapore – World Trade Organization Third Country Training Programme.

Selected participants will be provided with:

- An economy-class round-trip air-ticket to Singapore. Airport transfers are not included;
- Workshop fees including lecture fees, administrative fees, and course materials;
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the workshop, including one day before and one day after the workshop. Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day of the course to one day after the workshop;
- A daily allowance of One Hundred and Twenty Singapore Dollars (S\$120) from the first day to the last day of the workshop. A proportionate reduction in the daily allowance will be made if you are unable to attend the full duration of the workshop;
- Transportation between the hotel, workshop venue and site visits (if required); and
- Basic insurance coverage (Group Hospitalisation and Surgical; Group Personal Accident) for participants during their stay in Singapore, in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company. [This does not cover any pre-existing conditions, illnesses and/or any outpatient medical/dental treatment, or COVID-19 related expenses and medical evacuation. As such, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase their own medical and travel insurance.]

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

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Completed application forms, formally endorsed by the authorities, must be submitted by the Permanent Mission in Geneva or the contact point for WTO affairs in the capital. Nominations received from other sources will not be taken into consideration.

Application forms, including participants' details, passport biodata page, and airport for departure, should be transmitted to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, Logistics Unit (email: logistics.unit@wto.org) **NO LATER THAN 6th October, 2023**.

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.

*** Français/Español**

L'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce organise en collaboration avec le gouvernement de Singapour, par le biais du programme de coopération de Singapour (SCP) et du ministère du commerce et de l'Industrie (MTI) un Atelier sur les disciplines en matière de recours commerciaux, à Singapour, du 28 au 30 novembre 2023. Ce séminaire étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et les formulaires de candidature et de nomination sont distribués en anglais uniquement.

La Organización Mundial del Comercio está organizando junto con el Gobierno de Singapur, a través del Programa de Cooperación de Singapur (SCP) y el Ministerio de Comercio e Industria (MTI) un taller sobre disciplinas en materia de recursos comerciales, en Singapur, del 28 al 30 de noviembre de 2023. Este seminario será impartido en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación se distribuyen sólo en inglés.

WTO APPLICATION FORM



**WTO Trade Policy Review Roundtable Workshop for LDCs
(in English)**

Singapore, 28 - 30 November 2023

DEADLINE: 6 OCTOBER 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 Mrs Miss Ms Dr Prof

Family name (as it appears in the passport)	
First name (as it appears in the passport)	
Date of birth (day/month/year)	
Gender	
Country/ Separate Customs Territory	
Organization	
Department	
Designation/Position	
Time in current position (From: month/year)	
Office Address	
City and Postal code	
Member/Observer	
Telephone (professional)	
Mobile telephone number	
E-mail addresses	1) which you wish us to use: 2) other
Dietary restrictions	

Higher (university) education

From YYYYMM to YYYYMM	Where?	Title of qualification

Work experience

Brief description of your current responsibilities:	
From (YYYYMM) to (YYYYMM)	
What was your previous post?	

WTO training undertaken

Have you successfully completed a WTO ELearning course(s), and if so, which course(s)?	
Date(s)?	
Other WTO training course(s) undertaken:	

▼ PART TWO: To be completed by the National Nominating Authority:

The Nominating Authority:	
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•officially nominates:

Name of candidate:	
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Language: The Workshop will be delivered in English. Therefore, participants are required to have full command of English. By signing this application form the Applicant and Nominating Authority certify that the Applicant has full command of English.

Details of the Official responsible for nominating this candidate:

Family name	
First name	
Title/Position	
Organization/Entity	
E-mail address:	
Telephone:	

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

Candidate

Date:

OFFICIAL
STAMP

Nominating Authority

Date:

ANNEX: CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN WTO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

I. Regulations

1. The course is jointly organised by the WTO and the Government of Singapore.
2. Participants are required to observe the course schedule and carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating Authority or Government, the WTO and the Government of Singapore, with respect to the course.
3. Administrative details will be communicated to the selected participants directly.

II. The WTO Secretariat does not assume financial or any other responsibility for:

1. Salaries of the participants during their participation in the Course.
2. Medical insurance, medical treatment or hospitalisation during participation in the Course.
3. Loss or damage to the personal effects of the participants during attendance at the Course.

INCOMPLETE/ILLEGIBLE APPLICATION FORMS OR FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE OR NOT PRESENTED BY THE PERMANENT MISSION/EMBASSY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

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

Applicant's Name and Signature

OFFICIAL
STAMP

The application form should be submitted by the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO ITTC Logistics Unit ONLY, by the deadline, AT THE LATEST BY FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023:

logistics.unit@wto.org

UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF WTO TRADE REMEDIES DISCIPLINES

FOCUS ON THE RELEVANT WTO AGREEMENTS (ANTI-DUMPING/ SAFEGUARDS/ AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES / AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES SUBSIDIES/AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE – DOMESTIC SUPPORT) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM WTO DISPUTE CASES AND PROPOSALS TABLED UNDER THE WTO REFORM AGENDA

Day 1		
	Opening of the workshop: presentation and definition of objectives	
	COFFEE BREAK	
	<p>Presentation of the WTO trade remedy toolbox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Core principles of the WTO ○ The legal panorama: the Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and Safeguards Agreements ○ Conditions for application of trade remedies: a brief explanation of core concepts ○ Understanding differences and similarities among them, and with other measures e.g. under Agreement on Agriculture and new Fisheries Subsidies Agreement ○ Share about the WTO's trade remedies data portal launched in November 2022 <p>Trends in the application of trade remedy measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Structure of investigating authorities and trade remedy laws in WTO Members ○ Statistics by type of trade remedy measure, by reporting Members, affected exporters, targeted merchandise. ○ Understanding differences between safeguards, Countervailing Duties (CVD), and Anti-Dumping (AD) procedural issues, including sunset review, mid-term review, new shipper review, and anti-circumvention investigations ○ Understanding relationship between AD, CVD and safeguards – can there be simultaneous AD and CVD investigations, issue of cross cumulation, etc. 	
	Anti-dumping (AD) Measures	
	<p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding the agreement with focus on the initiation and conduct of AD investigations. - Understanding the WTO ADA and its application and raising awareness of ongoing work at the WTO AD Committee 	
	LUNCH	
	<p>Calculation of the dumping margin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explanation of core principles outlined in the Anti-Dumping Agreement 	
	COFFEE BREAK	

	<p>Understanding AD Investigation processes:</p> <p>The Anti-Dumping Investigation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initiation of the investigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The role of the private sector and the application ▪ The role of the investigating authority, transparency, and due process ○ Collection of information ○ Questionnaire analysis and calculation steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organization of the firm and its accounts. ▪ Products and production processes. ▪ Characteristics of home market and export transactions. ▪ Cost and price analysis: profitability and sufficiency tests. ▪ Calculation of the dumping margin and the relevant adjustments. <p>Rules applying to the determination of injury and causal link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explanation of core principles outlined in the Anti-Dumping Agreement and relevant dispute settlement proceedings: ○ Definition of the domestic industry ○ Mandatory injury factors and their role ○ Price effects analysis ○ The non-attribution requirement <p>(Factual discussion of WTO dispute settlement findings on issues of interest will be interwoven throughout the presentations)</p> <p>Anticircumvention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current application. <p>The WTO Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Importance of transparency and modality of notifications ○ The Committee's ongoing work in facilitating compliance with established rules <p>Application of WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures to the Anti-Dumping Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relevant dispute settlement proceedings 	
Day 2		
	Exercise on understanding AD system	
	COFFEE BREAK	
	<p>Subsidy disciplines and recourse in the WTO via Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM) (Including CVD action), Agreement on Agriculture, and Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies</p>	

	<p>Overview of the ASCM and its disciplines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subsidies and trade: the role of subsidies disciplines in the WTO system ○ Multilateral subsidies disciplines v. countervailing measures: Two tracks for relief ○ Coverage of the ASCM ○ Definition of a subsidy ○ Specificity <p>Prohibited subsidies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Export subsidies ○ Local content subsidies ○ De jure v. <i>de facto</i> conditionality ○ Special and Differential Treatment <p>Actionable Subsidies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Actionability and adverse effects ○ Types of adverse effects ○ Serious prejudice ○ Nullification and Impairment ○ Special and Differential Treatment <p>Non-Actionable Subsidies (Article 8)</p> <p>The WTO Subsidies Committee and Subsidies Notifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Importance of transparency and modality of notifications ○ The Committee's ongoing work in facilitating compliance with established rules <p>Application of WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures to the ASCM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consultation mechanism for prohibited or actionable subsidies ○ Relevant jurisprudence <p>Special Economic Zones</p> <p>Other issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rationale behind need for notification and examination across the relevant agreements ○ Factual presentation of the reforms proposals in the area of subsidies. ○ AOA - Understanding the differences between CVD and Article 5 of AOA ○ Information on the WTO-IMF-OECD Joint Subsidy Platform launched in May 2023 <p>(Factual discussion of WTO dispute settlement results on issues of interest interwoven throughout the presentations)</p>	
	LUNCH	

	<p>Overview of the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (FSA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Main disciplines ○ Progress toward entry into force ○ Key implementation issues in relation to the FSA ○ Second wave of negotiations ○ Update on the WTO Technical Workshop on Fisheries Subsidies for Asia (23 – 25 May 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) 	
Day 3		
	<p>Countervailing Investigation under the ASCM</p> <p>The countervailing duty investigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initiation of the investigation – consultations with the subsidizing state. ○ Collection of information – questionnaires to determine the existence and quantity of a subsidy. <p>CVD Calculations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Analysis of hypothetical scenarios. <p>The WTO Subsidies Committee and Subsidies Notifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Importance of transparency and modality of notifications ○ The Committee's ongoing work in facilitating compliance with established rules <p>Application of WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures to the ASCM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relevant jurisprudence <p>Comparison of CVD/AD procedures</p> <p>(Factual discussion of WTO dispute settlement results on issues of interest interwoven throughout the presentations)</p>	
	Exercise on Understanding of CVD System	
	COFFEE BREAK	
	Safeguard Measures	
	<p>Safeguards – WTO Safeguards Agreement (Global Safeguards) and Bilateral Safeguard Mechanisms in FTAs</p> <p>Objectives are to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) <i>Global Safeguard investigation initiation requirements</i> (ii) <i>difference between global and bilateral safeguard provisions</i> 	
	<p>Understanding the WTO Safeguards Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Objective of the Agreement ○ What does It intend to protect? ○ What are unforeseen developments? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to measure increased imports and causality to serious injury? ○ Increased Imports and serious injury ○ Procedural requirements of the Safeguards Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirement to conduct investigation and give public notice. ▪ Requirement to notify, consult and compensate. ○ Safeguard measures and legislation. <p>The WTO Committee on Safeguards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Importance of transparency and modality of notifications The Committee's ongoing work in facilitating compliance with established rules. <p>Application of WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures to the Safeguards Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relevant dispute settlement proceedings <p>(Factual discussion of WTO dispute settlement results on issues of interest interwoven throughout the presentations)</p> <p>Exercise on Understanding the Safeguard Mechanism</p>	
	LUNCH	
	<p>Presentation on discussions at the Informal meeting on WTO Reform on Industrial Policy and Subsidies (this will take place on 25-26 Sep)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Depending on the structure of the retreat, the WTO Secretariat could share about the different views articulated on the issue ○ Proposed way forward by the General Council Chair ○ Implications for MC13 	