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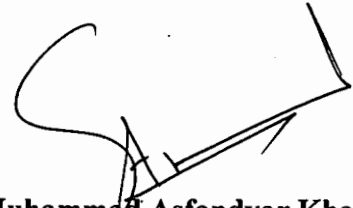
CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: - **WTO WORKSHOP ON CUSTOMS VALUATION NOTIFICATIONS
FROM 22 TO 24 MAY 2024 IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of Invitation along with its enclosures, 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, who fulfill the eligibility criteria may send their nominations, duly approved by their respective Head(s) of the Wing(s) to WTO-II Section (along with application forms, C.Vs, valid passport copies, Services Profile and details of availed Foreign Training/Workshops etc) latest by **06-03-2024** positively. Nominations received after the deadline will not be entertained.

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WTO WORKSHOP ON CUSTOMS VALUATION NOTIFICATIONS (In English and French) *

**Geneva, Switzerland
22-24 May 2024**

Invitation to Present Candidates

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing a Workshop on Customs Valuation Notifications to take place in Geneva, Switzerland **from 22 to 24 May 2024**.

The Workshop is a specialized training activity that intends to familiarize Members with the Agreement on Customs Valuation, its notification requirements, and to assist Members in preparing their respective notifications. A draft programme for the event is attached.

WTO Members that are eligible to benefit from training and technical assistance activities are invited to nominate **one capital-based official** to participate in the Workshop. The nominee must be directly responsible for the preparation and/or coordination of notifications on customs valuation.

Thirty (30) places will be made available for applicants from WTO developing and least-developed Members that are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities. For these participants, the WTO will bear their expenses (i.e., return economy class ticket, terminal expenses allowance, daily subsistence allowance and accommodation for the duration of the Workshop).

In order to maximize the impact of this workshop, nominees should indicate whether they have undertaken or will undertake work on the preparation of customs valuation notifications by their respective government.

Participants will be required to prepare one or more draft notifications at the Workshop, with the assistance of the Secretariat. From the nominees, preference will be given to developing or least-developed WTO Members with pending customs valuation notifications, in particular notification of their responses to the checklist of issues set out in the Annex to G/VAL/5 pertaining to their customs valuation legislation. Participants will also be encouraged to initiate work on their notifications in advance of the Workshop and will develop a plan during the Workshop regarding any follow-up work that may be needed once they return to capital.

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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.

..... The attached Application Form must be returned, completed and signed by the candidate as well as by the nominating national authority which presents the candidate, **via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO, at the latest by 15 March**. Applications for this workshop should be submitted along with a current resumé indicating successful completion of relevant training on WTO Agreements. Please note that, in light of the logistical complexity of the activity, the Secretariat will not be in a position to process applications received after this deadline.

The Application Form should be returned by email to the **WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, Logistics Unit: logistics.unit@wto.org**.

Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. Relevant administrative information, travel details and ticket will be sent shortly after the selection has taken place.

Español

* La Organización Mundial del Comercio (OMC) organiza un Taller de capacitación sobre el Acuerdo de la OMC sobre la Valoración en Aduana y notificaciones bajo el mismo acuerdo, para los Miembros de la OMC, del 22 al 24 de mayo de 2024. Este curso será dado en inglés y francés en vista del enfoque puesto sobre Miembros de la OMC cuyas notificaciones sobre valoración de aduanas se encuentran pendientes., por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación serán distribuidos sólo en inglés y francés.



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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND
22-24 MAY 2024

DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – 22 MAY 2024 (ROOM S3)

Time	Session
9:30-10:00	Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction by Chair (Omar Cissé - Senegal) and WTO and WCO Secretariats
10:00-11:30	Overview of the Customs Valuation Agreement and Other Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation
11:30-11:45	Welcome Coffee Break
11:45-13:00	Overview of Customs Valuation Notifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation
13:00-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-16:00	Experience-Sharing Session by Members that Recently Notified <ul style="list-style-type: none">• [to be determined]
16:00-16.15	Break
16:15-17:30	Hands-On Exercise: Assess Notification Status / Prepare Contact with Capital <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical exercise and Q&A

DAY 2 – 23 MAY 2024 (ROOM W)

Time	Session
09:30-13:00	Directed Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend CCV meeting (addressing status of notifications) or consult with capital
13:00-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-16:00	Group Exercise: Review Notifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical exercise involving group review of notifications
16:00-16:15	Break
16:15-17:30	Hands-On Exercise: Prepare Notifications / Contact with Capital <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual consultations and Q&A



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DAY 3 – 24 MAY 2024 (ROOM S3)

Time	Session
9:30-10:00	Stocktaking Exercise Lessons learned from CCV meeting and diagnosing next steps with notifications
10:00-11:15	Hands-On Exercise: Final Preparation of Notifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical exercise and Q&A
11:15-11:30	Break
11:30-12:30	Prepare Follow-Up Plans on Notifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical exercise and Q&A
12:30-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-16:00	Wrap-Up Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Q&A• Feedback from participants• Closing and evaluation