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**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE**  
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Islamabad, the 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021


**CIRCULAR**

**SUBJECT: - 5<sup>TH</sup> WTO-SINGAPORE TRADE POLICY DIALOGUE//11-14 OCTOBER 2021.**

A self explanatory letter received from WTO, Mission Geneva, dated 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 is enclosed for placing on the website of the Ministry of Commerce for information.

2. The interested officers of the Ministry who fulfill the eligibility criteria may forward their nomination, duly approved by the respective head of the wing to HR-I section by **07-09-2021 positively.**

Encl: **As above**

  
**(Muhammad Imtiaz)**  
Deputy Director (HR-I)

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**Invitation // 5th WTO-Singapore Trade Policy Dialogue // 11-14 October 2021**

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Dear all,

Kindly find attached an invitation to submit nominations on the subject course.

The attached Application Form must be returned, completed and signed by the candidate, with a copy of his/her passport, via the Permanent Mission to the WTO in order for the Mission to send it to the WTO no later than **Friday 17 September 2021 COB Geneva time**

Best regards,  
Haja

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**3 attachments**

 **Invitation Letter\_5th WTO-Singapore Trade Policy Dialogue\_to be held virtually from 11 to 14 October 2021.pdf**  
166K

 **Application Form - 5th WTO-Singapore Trade Policy Dialogue - Oct. 2021.doc**  
98K

 **Draft Programme\_5th WTO-Singapore Trade Policy Dialogue\_Oct. 2021.pdf**  
189K

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To: Heads of Delegations  
Members and Observers

E-mail: List attached

From: Ms Bridget Chilala

Date: 27 August 2021



Director  
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**WTO-SINGAPORE 5<sup>TH</sup> TRADE POLICY DIALOGUE FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS  
FROM THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**

**TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY**

**FROM MONDAY 11 TO THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2021**

I am pleased to inform you that the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Government of Singapore, through the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), will be organizing the **5<sup>th</sup> WTO-Singapore Trade Policy Dialogue for Officials from the Asia and Pacific Region**.

..... This Dialogue will be held **virtually, from Monday 11 to Thursday 14 October 2021 (Central European Summer Time, CEST, UTC+2)**. An indicative draft programme of the seminar is attached.

The Dialogue aims to facilitate understanding and conversation among senior trade officials (Director-level officials in charge of WTO Issues) on the current state of play of key negotiating issues in the lead up to the 12<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference, to take place from 30 November to 3 December 2021, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Prominent trade experts will participate as speakers and discussants for the workshop. Participants are also expected to contribute actively to the discussions in the various sessions.

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Participation in the Dialogue will be subjected to a selection process by the organising partners. Your Government/Economy in Transition is invited to nominate **two senior capital-based officials** who are directly responsible for work relating to WTO matters. We encourage nominations of senior officials who are in charge of WTO issues, at the Director or Director-General level or above. All candidates must be fluent in English.

If you have any queries regarding the programme of this dialogue, please contact Mr Aime Murigande, Head of Desk, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, WTO, (e-mail: [Aime.Murigande@wto.org](mailto:Aime.Murigande@wto.org) ; Tel: +41 22 739 5301).

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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 or the contact point for WTO Affairs in the capital**, to the Logistics Unit, of the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, of the WTO by e-mail: [Logistics.Unit@wto.org](mailto:Logistics.Unit@wto.org) , **no later than Friday 17 September 2021.**

Please note that the organizers reserve the right to postpone or cancel the activity in the event of overriding circumstances beyond their control.

**\*English/Français/Español**

The World Trade Organization organizes a WTO-Singapore Virtual Regional Workshop on the 5<sup>th</sup> Trade Policy Dialogue from Monday 11 to Thursday 14 October 2021. This course will be provided in English, for that matter, the Invitation and the application form will only be distributed in English.

L'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce organise en virtuel l'atelier régional du 5<sup>ème</sup> Dialogue sur la politique commerciale entre l'OMC et Singapour du lundi 11 au jeudi 14 octobre 2021. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature seront uniquement distribués en anglais.

La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza, en línea, el Taller regional virtual del Quinto diálogo de política comercial entre la OMC y Singapur del lunes 11 al jueves 14 de octubre de 2021. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.



**WTO - SINGAPORE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP  
5<sup>TH</sup> TRADE POLICY DIALOGUE**

**TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY**

**FROM MONDAY 11 TO THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2021**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**WTO APPLICATION FORM**

► This form needs to be completed and signed by the Applicant, validated by the National Authority proposing the candidate and submitted at the latest by Friday, 17 SEPTEMBER 2021, via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO by e-mail to:

**Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation**

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

**Incomplete application forms will not be considered.**

▼ **PART ONE: To be completed by the Applicant, in English.**

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	
Time in current position (From: month/year)	
Address	
City and Postal code	
Member/Observer	
Telephone (professional)	
E-mail addresses	1) which you wish us to use: 2) other
Mobile telephone number	

**Higher (university) education**

When?	Where?	Title of qualification

**Work experience**

Brief description of your current responsibilities:	
On which date did you take up your current functions?	
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

OFFICIAL  
STAMP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominating Authority

Date:

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. Participants who attend 66% of 'live' e-learning sessions, will receive a certificate of completion from the organisers.
4. 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.**

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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 17 SEPTEMBER 2021:**

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



**FIFTH SINGAPORE-WTO POLICY DIALOGUE ON THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM FOR  
SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

**"Preparatory Workshop for the 12<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12)"**

To be held virtually

From Monday 11 to Thursday 14 October 2021

Draft Programme

*This programme for the Fifth Singapore-WTO Policy Dialogue and documents circulated are designed wholly and exclusively for technical assistance and capacity building purposes and under the WTO Secretariat's own responsibility. They are without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights and obligations under the WTO.*

**Date and venue:** From Monday 11 to Thursday 14 October 2021. The activity will be held virtually.

**Target Audience:** Senior trade officials (Director-level and above in-charge of WTO issues) from the Asia and the Pacific.

**Draft Programme Outline:**

Monday 11 October 2021	
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:45	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome remarks by Singapore</li> <li>• Opening remarks by WTO</li> </ul>
09:45 – 10:30	<b>Introduction: The Multilateral Trading System: On the road to MC12</b>  <i>This Session would give an overview of topics under discussion for MC12. Participants will be updated on the discussions taking place in the Trade Negotiations Committee and the various negotiating groups.</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> (WTO)  <b>Speakers:</b> (TBD)  <i>Open discussions to follow.</i>  <b>Pause – 10 minutes</b>

<p>10:40 – 11:30</p>	<p><b>How can the WTO respond to the COVID-19 pandemic?</b></p> <p><i>This session will cover discussions on the WTO’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including on the various proposals on Trade and Health, the TRIPS waiver proposal, and through trade in goods and services.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> (TBD)</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> (TBD)</p>
<p>11:30 – 12:30</p>	<p><b>Fisheries Subsidies</b></p> <p><i>This session will cover discussions on what a possible MC12 deliverable on fisheries subsidies would look like, as well as the key challenges that will need to be overcome on fisheries negotiations.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> (TBD)</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> (TBD)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 12 October 2021</b></p>	
<p>09:00 – 10:00</p>	<p><b>Trade and environment</b></p> <p><i>This session will cover discussions at the Committee on Trade and Environment and at the Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD) including on the liberalisation of environmental goods and services, Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform, Plastic Pollution and Environmentally Sustainable Plastics Trades, and the way forward.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> (TBD)</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> (TBD)</p>
<p>10:10 – 12:00</p>	<p><b>Joint Statement Initiatives</b></p> <p><i>In this session, a general overview will be provided on discussions related to the Joint Statement Initiatives started by like-minded groups of WTO Members at MC11 in Buenos Aires including on domestic regulation, investment facilitation, micro-small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and trade and women’s economic empowerment.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> (TBD)</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> (TBD)</p>

**Wednesday 13 October 2021**

**09:00 – 10:00** **Digital Economy and E-Commerce**  
*This session will discuss the Joint Statement Initiative on E-Commerce and anticipated deliverables for MC12, discussions on the moratorium on electronic transmissions, and how E-Commerce can be leveraged as a developmental tool.*

**Speaker: (TBD)**

**Discussant: (TBD)**

**10:10 – 11:00** **Agriculture**  
*In this session, a general overview will be provided on discussions on Agriculture at the WTO, as well as how Members can cooperate to deliver an outcome at MC12.*

**Speaker: (TBD)**

**Discussant: (TBD)**

**11:00-12:00** **Development Issues for MC12**  
*This session will focus on discussions related to the proposals put forward by Members to advance development including on special and differential treatment*

**Speaker: (TBD)**

**Discussant: (TBD)**

**Thursday 14 October 2021**

**09:00 – 10:00** **Dispute Settlement Body**  
*This session will address discussions related to the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism, including on the Appellate Body. These include the challenges facing the dispute settlement body as well as the possible way forward post-MC12.*

**Speaker: (TBD)**

**Discussant: (TBD)**

10:00 – 11:30	<p><b>What is the future of trade negotiations?</b></p> <p><i>This session will focus on WTO Reform and address Members' discussions and proposals on strengthening the WTO's regular work, in particular on its deliberative function.</i></p> <p><i>Based on the discussions during the workshop, this session will also provide participants with the opportunity to share regional perspectives on MC12 and the way forward.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker: (TBD)</b></p> <p><b>Discussant: (TBD)</b></p>
11:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Closing Ceremony and Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summing up of the discussions</li><li>• Closing Remarks by WTO and Singapore</li></ul>