

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE**



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CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: - INVITATION // SINGAPORE-WTO WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE TRADE (23-25 NOVEMBER 2022)

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self explanatory letter received from the WTO, Mission Geneva on the above mentioned subject for placing on the website of the Ministry of Commerce.

2. Interested officers of the Ministry who fulfill the eligibility criteria may send their nominations duly approved by their respective Head(s) of the Wing(s) to HR-I Section latest by **23-09-2022** positively.

Encl: As Above


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SINGAPORE - WTO WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE TRADE

Singapore
23 – 25 November 2022

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

..... This Workshop will be held in **Singapore, from 23 to 25 November 2022**. An Indicative Draft Programme of the Workshop is attached.

THE WORKSHOP

The main objective of this Workshop is to enhance knowledge and understanding of the on-going work and discussions at the WTO on how trade, trade policy and the multilateral trading system intersect with efforts to address the triple environmental challenges of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss. The workshop will provide a background on the relevant topics, where the discussions currently stand and how these aspects are covered under the various WTO Agreements, Institutions and negotiating fora, including the new environmental initiatives on to Trade and Environmental Sustainability, Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform and Plastics Pollution and Environmentally Sustainable Plastics Trade. Addressing these issues in a single workshop, will allow for a more comprehensive assessment of the WTO trade regime as it applies to trade and environmental policies adopted to address these challenges, as well as the interaction of the different disciplines and regimes in this rapidly expanding area. The Workshop will also provide a forum for participants to exchange views and share national and regional experiences with respect to the opportunities and challenges in this field.

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 who have proven professional experience and responsibilities in the area of Trade and Environmental Sustainability, ideally relating to one or more of the three substantive areas covered by the programme. Preference will be given to nominees who have a leading role in coordinating trade-related environmental policy or assessing the trade impacts of environmental policies across substantive areas, and 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 and the WTO.

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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 Sustainable Trade, please contact Mr 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 is directly relevant to Trade and Environmental Sustainability 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 be fully vaccinated with WHO EUL COVID-19 vaccines and to adhere to the latest travel requirements and advisories 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 (excursion fare, if applicable)
- Workshop fees including lecture fees, administrative fees, and course materials;
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the workshop. Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day of the course to one day after the workshop;
- A daily training 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 training allowance will be made if you are unable to attend the full duration of the workshop;
- Transportation between 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.]

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 capital. Nominations received from other sources will not be taken into consideration.

Application forms, including participants' details, passport biodata page and COVID-19 vaccination certifications, should be transmitted to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, Logistics Unit (email: logistics.unit@wto.org) **NO LATER THAN 30th SEPTEMBER, 2022.**

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.

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L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un Atelier de Singapour et de l'OMC sur le commerce durable, à Singapour, du 23 au 25 novembre 2022. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature sont distribués en anglais uniquement.

La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza un Taller de Singapur y la OMC sobre comercio sostenible, en Singapur, del 23 al 25 de noviembre de 2022. Teniendo en cuenta que este curso se imparte en inglés, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.



WTO APPLICATION FORM

**SINGAPORE - WTO WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE TRADE
(In English)**

Singapore, 23-25 November 2022

DEADLINE: 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

PART I	To be completed by the Applicant in ENGLISH (In CAPITAL LETTERS if handwritten)
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MANDATORY: ALL THE INFORMATION ASKED IN THIS SECTION, COVID-19 VACCINATION CERTIFICATIONS 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

OFFICIAL
STAMP

Nominating Authority

Date:

Date:

ANNEX: CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN WTO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

I. Travel, air-tickets, visas, transit visas, accommodation and subsistence allowances:

1. Countries are implementing very strict visa policies. Please enquire several weeks in advance on the visas and transit visas you need. Make the necessary arrangements in your country to obtain all necessary visas for your full roundtrip. The WTO is not authorized to intervene in this matter and is not responsible for visa fees and other financial issues.
2. You will not be consulted for your travel itinerary. However, if there is any preferred travel itinerary, please clearly indicate in the application form.
3. The organizers (WTO Secretariat and the Government of Singapore) will provide you with a round-trip airplane ticket in economy-class, daily subsistence allowance, a terminal expenses allowance, and accommodation for the duration of the Course.
4. Administrative and logistical details will be communicated to the selected participants directly.

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

1. Expenses incurred in connection with foreign travel formalities (visas, transit visas, taxes, travel to get visas, medical examinations, vaccinations, etc.).
2. Salaries of the participants during their participation in the Course.
3. Travel or other expenses of any additional persons accompanying the participants.
4. Travel or travel insurance, medical insurance, medical treatment or hospitalisation during travel or participation in the Course.
5. Loss or damage to the personal effects of the participants during travel or attendance at the Course.
6. Any modification made by you regarding the hotel booking and the related logistical arrangements.
7. Any personal service or facility you may request during your stay in the hotel where you are accommodated by the WTO, such as: business centre, internet connections, phone calls, room service, laundry, mini-bar or any kind of ground transport.
8. Any modification made BY THE AIRLINE OR BY YOU in connection with the itinerary or the airtickets issued by the WTO Travel Agency in Geneva. Any additional fees, charges and/or penalties for the air-ticket modifications WILL BE COVERED BY YOU AND NOT BY THE ORGANIZERS.

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

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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 30 SEPTEMBER 2022:

logistics.unit@wto.org

**WTO WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE TRADE
SINGAPORE, 23-25 NOVEMBER 2022
DRAFT PROGRAMME**

Date/time	Session
Wednesday, 23 November 2022	
8:30-9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00-9:25	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p><u>Opening remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), Singapore (5 min) • WTO Trade and Environment Division (TED) (5 min) <p><u>Video presentation of Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP)</u></p> <p><u>Group photo-taking session</u></p>
<p><u>Module 1</u> Connecting the dots: The role of trade in facilitating environmental work, economic growth and resilience</p>	
9:25-10:45	<p><u>Session 1</u> Unpacking the relationship between trade and sustainability</p>
10:45-11:00	BREAK
11:00-12:30	<p><u>Session 2</u> Trade and Environment In the WTO – Role in the multilateral trading system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background: 2001 Doha Ministerial Declaration, the Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE) and CTE’s Work Programme (paras 32, 33 and 51 (including items of focus)). Regular work in the CTE. • Background: Negotiating Mandate from the Doha Ministerial Declaration and the Committee on Trade and Environment Special Session (CTESS) (para 31 on multilateral environmental agreements and environmental goods and services)
12:30-14:00	LUNCH
<p><u>Module 2</u> Environmental Policies and Trade: Avoiding green protectionism, ensuring coherence and effectiveness</p>	

14:00-15:30	<p><u>Session 3</u> Main relevant WTO rules to modern trade-related environmental policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency of Environment-Related Trade Measures (Item 4 of the CTE Work Programme) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WTO Environmental Database • Most relevant WTO Agreements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) ○ Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) ○ Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM) ○ Agreement on Agriculture (AOA)
15:30-15:45	BREAK
15:45-17:00	<p><u>Session 4</u> Exercise: Trade rules in practice – WTO jurisprudence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive session with participants covering environment-related disputes in GATT/WTO

Thursday, 24 November 2022

Module 3

Opportunities to use trade to promote sustainability

9:00-10:45	Session 5 Environmental Goods and Services: Market Access <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiations and related issues in the WTO (para 31(iii) in the Doha Ministerial Declaration)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Multilateral negotiations under the CTESS (since 2002)○ Plurilateral negotiations under the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) (2014 -2016)
10:45-11:00	BREAK
11:00-12:30	Other Fora <ul style="list-style-type: none">• APEC<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Broad overview of Thailand's APEC 2022 theme and deliverables/priorities including BCG economy○ Progress on updating 2012 APEC List of Environmental Goods to HS2022 and developing recommendations for potentially producing a voluntary non-binding reference list○ Progress on trade in environmental and environmentally related services.
12:30-14:00	LUNCH
14:00-15:30	Session 6 MC12 results and new environmental initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fisheries Subsidies Agreement, first part• Outcome document and other relevant decisions• Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform (FFSR)• Informal Dialogue on Plastics and Environmentally Sustainable Plastics Trade (IDP)• Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD) <p>Share experience and perspectives regarding their participation in the new initiatives (Singapore and participants)</p>
15:30-15:45	BREAK

15:45-17:00

Session 7

Domestic trade and environment coordination: experience sharing, gaps and opportunities for improvement

- Participants to share their domestic coordinating mechanisms
- Develop a short plan for improvement

Friday, 25 November 2022

9:00-10:30	Session 8 The challenge of climate change: how to make trade a key part of the solution <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WTO-UNFCCC/Paris interface• The challenge of different metrics and carbon footprint granularity: What Yardstick?• Other Items such as Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) <p>Note: The course will proceed to the case study on energy efficiency and standards, if there's time before break.</p>
10:30-10:45	BREAK
10:45-12:30	Case Study: Energy Efficiency and Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical regulations, standards and labelling requirements adopted to mitigate climate change – Raising awareness of the importance of regulatory cooperation between Members• Sharing information on best practices related to technical regulations and standards, based on available scientific and technical information, and conformity assessment procedures that support the attainment of environmental goals and contribute to addressing climate change, thereby contributing to achieving the goals and principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris Agreement, while adhering to the disciplines of the TBT Agreement (Ninth Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade under Article 15.4)• Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards for Energy
12:30-14:00	LUNCH
Module 4 Trade and environment in other fora	

14:00-15:30	<p>Session 9 MEAs and RTAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), items 1 and 5 of the CTE work programme (UNFCCC, CITES, Montreal Protocol, the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Issues relating to compatibility between the trade provisions contained in MEAs and WTO rules ○ Issues relating to the disputes settlement mechanisms of the multilateral trading system and those under the MEAs • ASEAN – Framework for Circular Economy for the ASEAN Economic Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Background, objectives, three strategic goals, six guiding principles and five strategic priorities
15:30-15:45	BREAK
15:45-16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade and Environment in Singapore’s Bilateral and Regional Economic Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmental chapters/provisions in Singapore’s FTAs/EPAs ○ Green Economy Agreement (GEA)
16:30-17:00	<p>Wrap-Up Session</p> <p><u>Participants to complete the two feedback/evaluation forms:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTO evaluation form • SCP course feedback form <p><u>Closing remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), Singapore • WTO TED <p><u>Group Photo-taking session and conclusion of course</u></p>