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To

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**SUBJECT: SINGAPORE - WTO WORKSHOP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND TRADE**

Please find attached herewith a copy of invitation received from Permanent Mission of Pakistan to 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 Wings to this Section (along with application forms, CVs, valid passport copies, service profile, undertaking and details of availed Foreign Training/Workshops etc) latest by 30/04/2025 (before close of office hours) positively. Nominations received after the deadline will not be entertained.

Attached herein:


- a. Invitation Letter\_Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Trade.pdf
- b. Application Form and Draft Programme\_Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Trade.pdf

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To:	Heads of Delegation WTO Members and Observers	Email:	List attached
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 Director Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation			
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**SINGAPORE - WTO WORKSHOP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND TRADE**

*Singapore*

*1 – 4 July 2025*

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 Artificial Intelligence and Trade**.

..... This Workshop will be held in **Singapore, from 1 to 4 July 2025**. An indicative Draft Programme of the Workshop is attached.

**THE WORKSHOP**

The main objective of this Workshop is to develop a broad understanding of the nexus between the digital economy, AI and trade and how the digital economy and AI have presented benefits for businesses and consumers. The Workshop will provide a deep dive into relevant topics, including from the perspectives of businesses, AI inclusivity and how this is crucial in bridging the digital divide between developing and developed Members. In particular, the workshop would examine how developing Members would benefit from leveraging AI in trade facilitation and supply chain management and encouraging AI adoption by SMEs and start-ups. 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 Digital Trade and AI, 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 Artificial Intelligence and Trade 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](mailto: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 Digital Trade and AI 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 <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/entering-singapore>.

### 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 training allowance of One Hundred and Thirty Singapore Dollars (S\$130) 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 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. 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](mailto:logistics.unit@wto.org)**) **NO LATER THAN 05<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**.

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 l'intelligence artificielle et le commerce, à Singapour, du 1 au 4 juillet 2025. 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 inteligencia artificial y comercio, en Singapur, del 1 al 4 de julio de 2025. Este seminario será impartido en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación se distribuyen sólo en inglés.*

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## **WTO APPLICATION FORM**



**Singapore - WTO Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Trade  
(in English)\***

**Singapore, 1-4 July 2025**

**DEADLINE: 05<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

### **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 ☐ Ms

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	<p><b>* Important:</b> all communications, documents and air-ticket will be sent by e-mail</p> <p>1) which you wish us to use:</p> <p>2) other</p>

**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 E-Learning 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.**

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Candidate

Date:

OFFICIAL  
STAMP

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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**

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**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

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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, 05<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025:**

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

**SINGAPORE-WTO THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMME (TCTP)**  
**ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND TRADE**  
1 – 4 JULY 2025

Date/time	Session
<b>Tuesday, 1 July 2025</b>	
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>9:00-9:30</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
<b>Module 1: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its Role in Transforming the Economy</b> This module will introduce key policy developments and issues relating to AI, and explore how AI is affected by and in turn affects the international trade and economic landscape. Participants will gain an understanding of the key issues and challenges for policymakers, and areas where international trade and AI intersect.	
<b>9:30-11:00</b>	<b>Session 1: Introduction to AI and Key Opportunities and Challenges for Policymakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of AI fundamentals, including machine learning and related technologies</li> <li>• Latest developments, trends and issues</li> <li>• AI applications across industry (e.g. healthcare, finance, manufacturing)</li> <li>• AI's impact on traditional industry</li> <li>• Key issues for policymakers</li> </ul>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<b>Session 2: Role of AI in Trade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the international trade architecture contributes to the growth of AI, including the role of WTO Agreements (e.g. Information Technology Agreement) and existing provisions in trade agreements (e.g. on personal data protection, data flows and localisation, protection of proprietary information)</li> <li>• How AI will shape the future of international trade (e.g. data innovation and digitalisation, trade logistics and supply chain management)</li> <li>• Risks and opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>12:30-14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>14:30-15:30</b>	<b>Session 3: Global AI Landscape</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of international ecosystem around AI (e.g. ITU, ISO, G7, OECD, AISI Network, UNDP, UN, etc)</li> <li>• Approaches to AI Governance: Case studies</li> </ul>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Reflections and Q&amp;A</b>

Date/time	Session
<b>Wednesday, 2 July 2025</b>	
<b>Module 2: AI Governance and Innovation</b> This module examines the evolving landscape of frameworks for AI governance, including regulatory approaches and trends, risks and opportunities, and impacts on other areas of policy and governance. Participants will gain an understanding of how domestic policy frameworks and initiatives serve as a foundation for AI development and growth, in line with international developments (as discussed in Module 1).	
<b>9:30-10:30</b>	<b>Session 4: AI Governance and Innovation in Singapore and ASEAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singapore's National AI strategy</li> <li>• Strategies to support the industry (e.g. AI Verify, Moonshot, Enterprise Compute Initiative)</li> <li>• Regional collaborations and initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:45-12:00</b>	<b>Session 5: Experiences From WTO Members</b>
<b>12:00-14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>14:00-14:30</b>	<b>TRAVEL</b>
<b>14:30-16:00</b>	<b>Site Visit 1</b>
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	<b>Session 6: Perspectives from SMEs &amp; Start-ups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Views from panellists on their experiences with AI adoption and application</li> <li>• Fostering a trade environment that supports innovation while addressing the risks and concerns around AI</li> <li>• Concerns and challenges around issues such as compliance costs and regulatory fragmentation</li> </ul>

Date/time	Session
<b>Thursday, 3 July 2025</b>	
<b>Module 3: Industry Perspectives and Applications</b> This module will provide insights from industry on how AI is transforming business and trade, from supply chain resilience to advanced applications and innovative solutions. Participants will learn more about how AI developments have contributed positively to the business and trade environment by introducing new solutions, improving efficiency and creating cost and time savings.	
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	<b>Session 7: Panel Discussion – AI Applications in Trade Facilitation and Supply Chain Management in Singapore</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application and adoption of AI in port operations, logistics, cold chain services</li> <li>• Impact on supply chain resilience and flows of international goods and services</li> <li>• Challenges and opportunities in cross border operations</li> </ul>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>TRAVEL</b>
<b>11:30-13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>13:30-14:00</b>	<b>TRAVEL</b>
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	<b>Site Visit 2</b>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>TRAVEL</b>
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	<b>Site Visit 3</b>
<b>17:00-17:30</b>	<b>TRAVEL TO HOTEL</b>

Date/time	Session
<b>Friday, 4 July 2025</b>	
<b>Module 4: Building A Foundation for the Future</b> This module will explore strategies to build the necessary skills and capacity for enterprises and citizens to harness and navigate an AI-ready economy. Participants will gain an understanding of a critical element of the value chain for AI development – developing the domestic pipeline for skills and talent development in order to support AI developments on the domestic and international scale.	
<b>9:00-9:30</b>	<b>TRAVEL</b>
<b>9:30-10:30</b>	<b>Site Visit 4</b>
<b>10:30-11:30</b>	<b>Session 8: Panel Discussion – Building Skills and Capacity in AI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills and capacity building efforts in AI</li> <li>• Capacity building opportunities for developing and LDC Members</li> </ul>
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>TRAVEL</b>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Reflections and Q&amp;A</b>
<b>14:00-14:30</b>	<b>Wrap-Up Session</b>