Government of Pakistan Ministry of Commerce Admn-I



Please find attached a communication from the WTO ITTC inviting applications for **TWO CAPITAL BASED OFFICERS** involved in NAMA negotiations for the subject Workshop. One of the candidate should be dealing with policy making and negotiating aspects of NAMA while the second would be dealing with preparation of tariff schedules for negotiations.

Details about the workshop and application form will be made available after approval of the nominations to the selected candidates. Last date of submitting applications to the is WTO Secretariat 5th July 2010. The different wings of the Ministry are requested to process nominations and send to the Admn-I section well before time for onward transmission to the WTO Secretariat.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1- The WTO ITTC is adhering strictly to the criteria mentioned above, therefore the wings of Ministry are requested to nominate candidates who closely meet the criteria in order to avail this opportunity.
- 2- The last date for submissions of nominations to the Admn –I is 29th June 2010, after which no submission will be entertained
- 3- The nominations must be approved /recommended by the respective Senior Joint Secretaries and Joint secretaries of the wings.



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Dear Ambassador.

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization, in the context of the WTO Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2010-2011 (WT/COMTD/W/170/Rev.1) is organizing a Regional Workshop on Market Access for Non-agricultural Products for Asian Developing Economies. This technical assistance activity will take place in Beljing, China, from 24 to 27 August 2010 and will focus on non-agricultural market access issues and negotiating matters, including the use and scope of tariff reduction simulations and an introduction to the scheduling of new commitments.

The aim of this workshop is to enhance and strengthen the participants' understanding of the current discussions and proposals on the elements of the modalities of the NAMA negotiations, particularly in light of the modalities currently under discussion. The workshop is also aimed at presenting the available sources of information, tariff and NTM, and trade analytical tools, to help participants in assessing the impact of proposed tariff reduction modalities to their respective economies. This course is addressed to government officials who are directly involved in the market access negotiations for non-agricultural products.

In addition, to the framework of the progressive learning being implemented under the Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2010-2011, a selection process is put in place for this course: participation will be limited in principle to government officials who possess any of the following: (i) have good knowledge of the WTO Agreements; and (ii) have previously attended a WTO workshop or seminar.

Your Government is invited to nominate <u>two capital-based officials</u> involved in NAMA; one directly involved in the policy-making and negotiating aspects of NAMA; and a second official dealing with the preparation of tariff schedules for trade negotiations. To optimise the value of this activity, it is advisable that at least one of the officials should have experience in manipulating trade and tariff data electronically using Excel or database software and the other be sufficiently computer literate.

An economy-class round-trip air-ticket (excursion fare, if applicable), daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the workshop only and terminal expenses will be provided to participants by the WTO Secretariat on the opening day of the activity. Other administrative arrangements shall be communicated directly to the nominees, by fax, in due course.

Please complete and return the attached registration forms. Kindly, specify the family name in capital letters. I would kindly request that care be exercised in clearly entering details of name, title, full address, telephone and fax numbers, of your nominees. Completed registration forms should be returned to Mr. Felipe Vargas-Maza, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, (Tel: +41-22 739 50 18; Fax: +41-22 739 57 24; E-mail: logistics.unit@wto.org), NOT LATER THAN 5 July 2010. In light of complex arrangements involved in the organization of these activities, I need to stress that beyond this deadline, the Secretariat would not be in a position to process the names of new participants.

I remain, dear Ambassador,

Yours sincerely,

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