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No. 2(6)/2015- Admn-I

Government of Pakistan

Ministry of Commerce



Islamabad, the 28th July, 2015

C I R C U L A R

Subject:- **WTO REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE "AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE NEGOTIATIONS FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION " SCHEDULED TO BE HELD FROM 6TH TO 8TH OCTOBER, 2015 IN KUALA LUMPUR (MALAYSIA):**

Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the WTO, Geneva has forwarded the subject invitation for the WTO Regional Seminar on the "Agreement on Agriculture and Agriculture negotiations for Asia and the Pacific Region" to be held from 6th to 8th October, 2015 in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia).

2. Only those candidates should apply for the subject seminar fulfilling the following eligibility criteria/requirements:-

- i. Capital-based with responsibilities in the area of agricultural trade policy and decision-making.
- ii. Two years experience in the agricultural trade policy.
- iii. Be familiar with the current multilateral trade negotiations in agriculture or knowledgeable about their country's position in the negotiations.
- iv. Fluency in English language.
- v. Preference will be given to candidate who have completed the WTO e-learning course on agriculture at the time of their application.

3. It is therefore requested that the suitable/eligible officers of the WTO Wing qualifying the basic requirements as mentioned above may kindly furnish their consent to Admn-I Section along with the training performa as circulated by the Admn-I Section on 02-07-2015 ,latest by 07-08-2015 ,with the approval of their respective Senior Officers and also indicate whether they had completed /applied for the on line WTO E-Learning Course on Agriculture. as the deadline date for submission the said nominations to the Mission is 21-08-2015. The WTO application form of the subject seminar is enclosed herewith and the candidates may enroll themselves for the said on line WTO E-Learning website at: <https://ecampus.wto.org>.


(Muhammad Faridoon)
Section Officer (Admn-I)

Forwarded to:-

- i. All Officers of the WTO Wing , Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
- ii. Copy to Computer/ Network Administrator with the request to upload the subject seminar as well as WTO Application Form on the Ministry's website.



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No.7 (15)/1011 - Training

23 July 2015

Subject: WTO Regional Seminar on the Agreement on Agriculture and Agriculture negotiations for Asia and the Pacific Region 6-8 October Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

1. The WTO Secretariat with the funding from the Doha development Agenda Trust Fund is organizing a Regional seminar on the Agreement on Agriculture and Agriculture Negotiations for Asia and the Pacific Region in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 6 to 8 October 2015.
2. The seminar is aimed at providing better understanding of the current provisions of the Agreement on Agriculture, its implementation of commitments, the work of the Committee on Agriculture and notification obligations as well as key issues in the Doha Round agriculture negotiations.
3. The following criteria must be met for candidate to be selected:
 - Capita-based with responsibilities in the area of agricultural trade policy and decision-making
 - Two years experience in the agricultural trade policy
 - Be familiar with the current multilateral trade negotiations in agriculture or knowledgeable about their country's position in the negotiations
 - Fluency in English language
 - Preference will be given to candidate who have completed the WTO e-learning course on agriculture at the time of their application
4. Ministry of Commerce is invited to nominate two capital based candidates fulfilling the above-listed criteria of selection. Our suggestion is that one nominee may be an Official from WTO Wing and the second nominee may be an Official from the Ministry of National Food Security and Research dealing with Agriculture and the WTO. Given the rigorous selection process of candidates attending the Seminar, it is important that nominees meet the criteria set by the WTO Secretariat.
5. Nominees will have to fill in the attached nomination form and return it to this Mission who will submit the application to the WTO Secretariat. Applications directly sent to the WTO will not be accepted.
6. The application should reach this Mission no later than **Friday 21st August 2015.**

A. Tauqir

(Dr. Tauqir Syed Shah)

Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Joint Secretary (Admin) /
Joint Secretary (WTO)
Ministry of Commerce
Islamabad

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*Dy No. 2625 JS (Admin-1)
Date: 23-7-15*

WTO REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE NEGOTIATIONS FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, 6 – 8 October 2015

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 21 AUGUST 2015

WTO APPLICATION FORM

► This 4 page form needs to be completed and signed by the Applicant, validated by the National Authority proposing the candidate and submitted, **with a current CV indicating successful completion of the WTO training on the Agreement on Agriculture**, at the latest by 21 AUGUST 2015, and sent **via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO** by fax or e-mail to:

WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation
Fax: + 41 22 - 739 57 24 OR logistics.unit@wto.org

Incomplete or illegible application forms will not be considered.

▼ **PART ONE: To be completed by the Applicant, in English and using CAPITAL LETTERS.**

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☐ Ms

Family name (as it appears in the passport)	
First name (as it appears in the passport)	
Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Title	
Ministry/ Government Entity/Other	
Address	
City and Postal code	
Country	
Telephone (professional)	
Mobile telephone number	
Fax (professional)	
E-mail addresses (professional & personal)	

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Higher (university) education

When?	Where?	Title of qualification

Languages:

The Seminar 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.

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 E-Learning course(s), and if so, which course(s)?	
Date(s)?	
Other WTO training course(s) undertaken:	

What is the objective that you would like to achieve by participating in this Seminar?

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Travel Itinerary preference (taken into account but not guaranteed)

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▼ PART TWO: To be completed by the National Nominating Authority:

The Government of:	
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- officially nominates:

Name of candidate:	
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- to attend the WTO Seminar;
- confirms that the candidate has direct responsibility in the area of agriculture trade policy and decision-making;
- has two years of experience in agricultural trade policy;
- is familiar with the current multilateral trade negotiations in agriculture or knowledgeable about his/her country's position in the negotiations;
- has full command of English, which would enable him/her to successfully and actively participate in the Seminar; and,
- is fully aware that this nomination is subject to the decisions of the WTO Selection Committee and to the conditions described in the Annex to this application, which we have thoroughly read and accepted.

**INDICATE CLEARLY IF YOU ARE REQUESTING FINANCING FOR THIS CANDIDACY
(CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX)**

YES ☐NO ☐

Details of the Government Official responsible for nominating this candidate:

Family name	
First name	
Title	
Ministry	
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. Before you complete this registration form, 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 WTO Secretariat will provide you with a round-trip airplane ticket in economy-class, a daily subsistence allowance, a terminal expenses allowance and accommodation for the duration of the Workshop.
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 Workshop.
3. Travel or other expenses of any additional persons accompanying the participants.
4. Travel or accident insurance, medical treatment or hospitalisation during travel or participation in the Workshop.
5. Loss or damage to the personal effects of the participants during travel or attendance at the Workshop.
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, 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 air-tickets 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 WTO.

III. INCOMPLETE / ILLEGIBLE APPLICATION FORMS OR FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE OR NOT VALIDATED BY THE MISSION 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

OFFICIAL
STAMP

THIS 4 PAGE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT, VALIDATED BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY PROPOSING THE CANDIDATE AND SUBMITTED WITH A CURRENT CV, VIA THE PERMANENT MISSION/EMBASSY TO THE WTO, BY FAX OR E-MAIL, TO

**WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation
Fax: + 41 22 - 739 57 24 OR logistics.unit@wto.org**

NO LATER THAN 21 AUGUST 2015



WTO OMC

**WTO Regional Seminar on the Agreement on Agriculture and Agriculture
Negotiations for Asia and the Pacific Region**

Malaysia, 6-8 October 2015

Preliminary draft Programme

Programme

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| 9:00 – 9:15 | Opening Session |
| 9:15 - 9:30 | Self-assessment quiz on agriculture |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Background figures on agricultural trade |
| 10:00 - 10:45 | Introduction to the Agreement on Agriculture and the negotiations |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Trade in agriculture: Regional opportunities and challenges (Regional expert) |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break |
| 14:00 – 15:45 | Market Access pillar: current rules and commitments and negotiating issues
Practical exercise: How to read a schedule of commitments |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Market Access pillar: the Bali Ministerial Decision on Tariff Rate Quotas |

Ag-IMS database

- 9:00 – 10:45 **Domestic support pillar : Current rules and commitments**
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Domestic support: exercise on Notification and use of the Ag-IMS database**
- 12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Domestic support: negotiating issues and the Bali Ministerial Decisions on General Services and Public Stockholding for Food security purposes**
- 15:30 – 15:45 **Coffee Break**
- 15:45 – 17:00 **Food Security in the regional context (regional expert)**

Export Competition and the Marrakesh Decision on NFIDCs

- 9:00 – 10:00 **Export Competition and the Marrakesh Decision on NFIDCs: Current rules and commitments**
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Export Competition: negotiating issues and the Bali Ministerial Declaration**
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**
- 11:15 – 12:30 **Monitoring and surveillance: The work of the Regular Committee on Agriculture**
- 12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 15:30 **WTO accession and agriculture, regional perspective (regional expert)**
- 15:30 – 15:45 **Coffee Break**
- 15:45 – 16:30 **Discussions, Quiz on agriculture, Evaluation**
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Closing Session**



WTO E-Learning – Online courses

Explanatory note

WTO E-Learning aims at providing online training on matters related to international trade and WTO Agreements to government officials from developing Members and Observers.

COURSES

The following courses are available in English, French and Spanish in 2015 on the WTO E-Learning website at <https://ecampus.wto.org>:

- Tailored course - Create your own course! (new module on Introduction to Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs))
- Introduction to the WTO – Level 1
- The Multilateral Trade Agreements and the WTO – Level 2
- Technical Barriers to Trade in the WTO – Level 2
- Trade Remedies and the WTO – Level 2
- Agriculture in the WTO – Level 2
- Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights – Level 2
- Sanitary and phytosanitary measures – Level 2
- Trade in Services in the WTO – Level 2
- Market Access for goods and Non-Agricultural Market Access – Level 2
- Trade and Environment – Level 2
- Trade and Development – Level 2
- The WTO and Trade Economics: Theory and Policy – Level 2
- WTO Market Access Intelligence Online – Level 2
- Legal Underpinnings – Level 2
- Trade Finance and the WTO – Level 2
- Accession to the WTO – Level 2
- Regional Trade Agreements and the WTO – Level 2
- Transparency and the WTO: Notification Obligations – Level 2
- WTO in 10' – Basic Level (new)
- Made in...: Understanding Rules of Origin – Level 2 (new)
- A short trip through TRIPS – Level 2 (new)
- The WTO Dispute Settlement System – Level 2 (new)

REGISTRATION AND NOMINATION

While the WTO E-Learning material is freely available on the WTO E-Learning website, participants have to register and submit a nomination form in order to participate in a monitored course, access the module exams and obtain a WTO certificate.

ONLINE Registration THROUGHOUT the year at: <https://ecampus.wto.org>

Registration for online courses is a two-step process. To register TWO FORMS should be completed and submitted:

1. Online Registration Form

Interested government officials shall register online first. After duly completing the online registration form at <https://ecampus.wto.org>, the system will generate a registration number which candidates will need to fill the Nomination Form and complete the registration process.

Please, choose the language of your course very carefully (English, French or Spanish).

2. Nomination Form

The nomination form can be downloaded from <https://ecampus.wto.org>. The Nomination Form is also sent attached to this Invitation Letter, which is forwarded to WTO technical assistance recipient Delegations.

The registration number is required. The participation of each candidate should be duly confirmed, by signature and official stamp, by the responsible government authorities. Nomination Forms should be either sent by email (scanned) to elarning.registration@wto.org or by fax to +41 22 739 5191.

The access codes are valid for a two month period, starting from the date of the first login to the website. During these two months, a Trainer and a dedicated Help Desk will be available to provide online assistance and course monitoring throughout the course.

Participation in a course can be cancelled or modified only during the first two weeks after the start of the course. Cancellation or course changes cannot be granted to participants who already submitted a course exam.

INTERACTIVE TOOLS

The E-Learning platform offers interactive tools to enhance the learning experience. Registered participants may have real-time conversations with WTO experts in Chat Sessions.

COURSE DURATION

The estimated average study time per course is from 50 to 60 hours. Participants can start their course at their convenience and will enjoy access to the course for a two-month period, within which they will be free to organize their studies best suited to their schedule. Participants will be assisted by a trainer throughout the duration of their course.

EVALUATION

Participants who successfully complete the elements of the course will be given a Certificate signed by the WTO Director-General. Participants with outstanding results will receive a Certificate with Distinction. More details on the course organization and certification will be available in the course guide upon first login to the website.

WTO REFERENCE CENTRES

Participants may access the available found in WTO Reference Centres worldwide.

MORE DETAILS AND CONTACT POINT

Please visit the E-Learning website, where you will find information about online courses: <https://ecampus.wto.org> or you can also contact ecampus@wto.org.