



Islamabad, the 7th June, 2016.

CIRCULAR

Subject:-WTO Workshop on Trade And Competition Policy: Reviewing Practical Experience with existing WTO Agreements, 14-15 July, 2016, Geneva Switzerland.

Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the WTO, Geneva informed vide email dated 27-05-2016 that subject workshop is scheduled to be held from 24-25 October, 2016 at Geneva, Switzerland and invited to nominate upto two senior capital-based officials to participate as funded participants in the above subject workshop. The last date for submission nomination is 10-06-2016

2. The officers having relevant experience and / or who are dealing with the relevant subject matter may kindly forward their consent/nominations duly recommended /endorsed by their respective heads of Wings to this office by tomorrow, i.e. **08-06-2016** along with details of trainings already availed.



(Ali Rasul)
Deputy Director (MOC)

Forwarded to:-

- i. All JSs/ DGs, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
- ii. Copy to Network Administrator with the request to upload the subject invitation letter as well as WTO Application form on the Ministry's website immediately.



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WTO WORKSHOP ON TRADE AND COMPETITION POLICY: REVIEWING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH EXISTING WTO AGREEMENTS

Geneva, Switzerland

14-15 July 2016

Within the framework of the World Trade Organization's Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2016-17 (WT/COMTD/W/211), the WTO Secretariat, with the financial assistance of the Doha Development Agenda Global Trust Fund, is organizing a capacity building workshop on trade and competition policy, building on and consolidating past technical assistance activities dealing with aspects of this theme. The workshop will be conducted for the benefit of participants from eligible WTO Members and Observers, individually selected on the basis of their current responsibilities and experience in this and related areas.

Workshop On Trade and Competition Policy: Reviewing Practical Experience with Existing WTO Agreements

The Workshop on Trade and Competition Policy will be held on 14 and 15 July 2016, at the headquarters of the WTO in Geneva. This Workshop aims to achieve the following technical assistance and capacity building objectives; (i) to enhance participants' awareness of the role of competition policy in trade and development, and build capacity at the national level in that regard; (ii) to familiarize participants with competition policy elements in existing WTO Agreements, and related experience at the national and international levels; and (iii) to facilitate policy dialogue on competition policy issues among WTO Members. A draft programme is attached.

The Workshop will be held in **English only**.*

Participation in the activity

The WTO Secretariat will fund **up to two officials per eligible country up to a maximum of 30 participants** for the above activity. Additional participants may be accepted on a self-funded basis.

Preference will be given to nominees with a demonstrated background in competition policy and/or related aspects of trade policy, in addition to related policy responsibilities. The Organisers reserve the right to select candidates and to decline the candidature of nominees who do not meet these requirements and/or on the basis of the maximum number of funded participants.

Nominations and logistical matters

Your Government is invited to nominate **up to two senior capital-based officials** to participate as funded participants in the above activity. Ideally, one official should be from your government's trade ministry and the other from your competition enforcement agency or other ministry with policy responsibility in this area.

The nominations, on the attached registration form and accompanied by a **brief one-page curriculum vitae (CV)**, must be returned, duly completed and signed by the candidate as well as by the nominating national authority, **via the Permanent Mission / Embassy to the WTO, no later than 10 JUNE 2016**, to Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (E-mail: logistics.unit@wto.org or Fax: +41 22/739 57 24).

A round trip airplane ticket in economy class, accommodation for the duration of the course, a daily subsistence allowance and a terminal expenses allowance will be provided to funded candidates. Further administrative details will be communicated to selected funded participants directly. **No logistical arrangements can be made for self-funded participants.**

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel the activity in the event of overriding circumstances beyond its control.

Participants will be required to contribute to the workshop by providing comments on their national experiences, particularly during the breakout sessions and the general discussions sessions for each topic area, and should come duly prepared.

***Français/Español**

L'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce organise un atelier sur la politique de la concurrence: Révision de l'expérience pratique concernant les Accords de l'OMC, à Genève, du 14 au 15 juillet 2016. Cet atelier étant en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature sont distribués en anglais uniquement.

La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza un Taller sobre la política de competencia: Revisión de la experiencia práctica con relación a los Acuerdos de la OMC en Ginebra, del 14 al 15 de julio de 2016. Este taller será en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.

**WTO WORKSHOP ON TRADE AND COMPETITION POLICY:
REVIEWING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH EXISTING WTO
AGREEMENTS (in English)**

Geneva, 14 - 15 July 2016

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 10 JUNE 2016

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, 10 JULY 2016, via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO by fax or by e-mail to, with a brief one-page curriculum vitae (CV) and a photocopy of your passport:

Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation

Fax: + 41 22 739 57 24

E-mail: 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. M's./Miss/Ms.

PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT

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

Higher (university) education

When?	Where?	Title of qualification

Languages: The WTO Workshop on Trade and Competition Policy: Reviewing Practical Experience with Existing WTO Agreements 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 Workshop?

Please indicate your travel itinerary preference. If you are selected to participate in the Workshop, this will be taken into account, although it is not guaranteed.

▼ 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 Workshop on Trade and Competition Policy: Reviewing Practical Experience With Existing WTO Agreements;
- confirms that the candidate has policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in competition policy and/or related aspects of trade policy and has full command of English, which would enable him/her to successfully and actively participate in the Workshop; 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 WTO 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/Position	
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
Date:

OFFICIAL
STAMP

Nominating Authority
Date:

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS: Friday 10 JUNE 2016

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, 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.

IX. 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 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

The application form should be submitted to:

Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation.
(Fax: +4122 / 739 57 24; E-mail: logistics.unit@wto.org)

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS: Friday 10 JUNE 2016

The Selection Committee will not be able to consider any candidacy received after this date

TITLE OF THE EVENT	WTO WORKSHOP ON TRADE AND COMPETITION POLICY; REVIEWING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH EXISTING WTO AGREEMENTS
VENUE AND DATES	Geneva, Switzerland 14-15 July 2016
Course description	<p>This Workshop aims to build awareness and capacity among WTO Members on the role of competition policy in trade and development. It will focus squarely on experience with respect to competition policy provisions that are already built into the existing WTO Agreements, facilitating policy dialogue on related issues among WTO Members. It further aims to familiarise participants with competition policy elements in existing WTO Agreements, and the role of competition policy for development and other related matters.</p> <p>This Workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to enhance their awareness of competition policy principles within existing WTO Agreements, including the TRIPS Agreement, the Government Procurement Agreement, and the GATS Agreement. New developments in patent pooling, compulsory licensing and standard setting will be discussed to highlight the increasing linkages between intellectual property and competition policy. The role of competition policy and law as an adjunct to open and transparent public procurement systems in preventing bid rigging in government procurement supporting the fight against anti-corruption will be discussed. The participants will also be familiarised with sector specific issues, for example, telecommunications with respect to the interface between competition policy and trade in services.</p> <p>The Workshop will provide information on current international cooperation efforts on competition policy in international forums such as the International Competition Network, UNCTAD, WIPO and the OECD. It will analyse the role of civil society in developing the linkages between competition policy, trade and development. It will further provide insights into the integration of competition policy in new age regional trade agreements. An opportunity will be provided to reflect on the role of international cooperation in competition policy.</p>
Objectives	The specific objectives of this programme are: (i) to enhance participants' awareness of the role of competition policy in trade and development, and build capacity at the national level in that regard; (ii) to familiarise participants with competition policy elements in existing WTO Agreements, and related experience at the national and international levels; and (iii) to facilitate policy dialogue on competition policy issues among WTO Members.
Programme	Click here to access the programme of the event
Organizing institution/body	WTO

TARGET AUDIENCE - ELIGIBLE ECONOMIES
The target audience for this activity is senior government officials responsible for trade and/or competition matters from WTO Members and Observers.
NOMINATION OF PARTICIPANTS

WTO to participate in this activity. Each funded participating country will be encouraged to nominate **two officials**. One official should be from its trade or commerce ministry and one from the competition enforcement agency or other ministry or agency with policy responsibility in this area. Additional participants may be accepted on a self-funded basis.

Preference will be given to nominees with a demonstrated background in competition policy and/or related aspects of trade policy, in addition to related policy responsibilities. The Organisers reserve the right to select candidates and to decline the candidature of nominees who do not meet these requirements and/or on the basis of the maximum number of funded participants.

Only nominations from official authorities of WTO Members/Observers will be considered.

DRAFT - VERSION DATE: 25/05/2016

WTO WORKSHOP ON TRADE AND COMPETITION POLICY: REVIEWING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH EXISTING WTO AGREEMENTS*

**GENEVA, SWITZERLAND
14-15 JULY 2016**

PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Thursday, 14 July 2016, Morning

08:30 Registration and security procedures

SESSION 1: Opening

Time	Subject	Speaker
09:00 - 09:15	1.1 Opening remarks	[Director-General Azevedo] WTO Secretariat
		TBA
09:15 - 09:30	1.2 Participant introductions and objectives	Participants

SESSION 2A: Competition Policy: Relevance for Facilitating Trade and Development

Time	Subject	Speakers
09:30 - 10:15	2.1 Competition policy and trade: optimizing the synergies and creating an enabling environment	TBA ICTSD and/or World Economic Forum (co-sponsors of the E15 Expert Group on Competition Policy)
10:15 - 10:45	2.2 Competition policy, trade and development: the role of UNCTAD	TBA UNCTAD
10:45 - 11:15	2.3 Competition policy elements in existing WTO agreements: the experience to date	Mr Robert D. Anderson WTO Secretariat
11:15 - 11:45	2.4 General discussion	

* This Workshop has been organised by the WTO Secretariat as part of its technical assistance programme for the benefit of WTO Members and Observers and other interested persons/organisations, and is for educational and capacity building purposes only. All views expressed are the personal responsibility of the individual speakers, and are strictly without prejudice to the views, interests or positions of WTO Members and Observers.

11:45 - 12:00 Break

SESSION 2B: Competition Policy: Role in Developing Countries

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
12:00 - 12:20	2.5 Competition policy and its relevance for developing economies: empirical evidence and institutional considerations	Professor Eleanor Fox New York University
12:20 - 12:40	2.6 Global value chains and market access for developing country exporters: role of competition policy and examples from the agro-food sector	Frederic Jenny Professor of Economics at ESSEC Business School in Paris, Judge at the Supreme Court of France (Cour de Cassation)
12:40 - 13:00	2.7 Competition policy, infrastructure development and trade: role of competition law and examples from transport sector	Professor Alberto Heimler, Chairman, Working Party on Competition and Regulation of OECD Competition Committee
13:00 - 13:20	2.8 General discussion	

13:20 - 14:20 Lunch break

Day 1 - Thursday, 14 July 2016, Afternoon

SESSION 3A: Competition policy and the TRIPS Agreement

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
14:20 - 14:40	3.1 Competition policy roots of Intellectual property law	Anthony Taubman, Director IPD WTO Secretariat
14:40 - 15:00	3.2 Competition provisions of TRIPS: a review of experience over 20 years	Mr Robert D. Anderson WTO Secretariat
15:00 - 15:20	3.3 Insights on competition policy from the WIPO Development Agenda	WIPO official
15:20 - 15:30	3.4 General discussion	

15:30 - 15:40 Break

SESSION 3B: Intellectual property and competition policy: Recent developments

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
15:40 - 16:00	3.4 Competition policy and the pharma sector: patent settlements, compulsory licensing and standard setting- recent developments	Professor William E. Kovacic, George Washington University; Former FTC Chairman
16:00 - 16:20	3.5 Competition considerations and new technology: Patent pooling	Giovanni Napolitano, Division of Intellectual

16:20 - 16:40	3.6	Competition policy and intellectual property: policy experience of developing countries	Property and Competition Policy, WIPO Jayashree Watal WTO Secretariat
16:40 - 17:00	3.7	Policy coherence, competition and IP laws: building on multilateral foundations	Professor Eleanor Fox New York University
17:00 - 17:20	3.8	General discussion	

Day 2 - Friday, 15 July 2016, Morning

SESSION 4A: Government procurement and competition

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
09:00 - 09:20	4.1 Government procurement, competition principles and development	Ms Anna Caroline Muller WTO Secretariat
09:20 - 09:40	4.2 Measures to prevent collusive tendering and corruption: important adjuncts to a liberalised government procurement regime	Professor William E. Kovacic, George Washington University; Former FTC Chairman
09:40 - 10:00	4.3 General discussion	

SESSION 4B: BREAKOUT SESSION

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
10:00 - 10:30	4.4 Government procurement, trade liberalization, IP and competition policy: case study on achieving coherence for public health	Participants
10:30 - 10:45	4.5 General discussion	

10.45 - 11.00 Break

SESSION 5: Trade in services and competition

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
11:00 - 11:20	5.1 Competition regulation and the GATS Agreement	Professor Alberto Heimler, Chairman, Working Party on Competition and Regulation of OECD Competition Committee
11:20 - 11:45	5.2 The role of competition principles in the telecommunications services sector and international trade law: the <i>Telmex</i> case	Professor Eleanor Fox New York University
11:45 - 12:00	5.3 General discussion	

SESSION 6A: International Cooperation in the area of competition policy

Time	Subject	Speakers
12:00 - 12:30	6.1 The OECD's work on competition policy	Frederic Jenny Professor of Economics at ESSEC Business School in Paris, Judge at the Supreme Court of France (Cour de Cassation)
12:30 - 13:00	6.2 The role of the International Competition Network (ICN)	Professor William E. Kovacic, George Washington University; Former FTC Chairman

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break: Group Photo

Day 2 - Friday, 15 July 2016, Afternoon

SESSION 6B: International Cooperation in the area of competition policy (continued)

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:30 - 14:50	6.3 Competition policy and civil society	TBA CUTS International
14:50 - 15:10	6.4 Integration of competition policy into new age RTAs: recent developments and what it means for international cooperation	Mr Robert D. Anderson WTO Secretariat
15:10 - 15:30	6.5 Cooperation between national competition policies and agencies: edging towards a multilateral framework on competition policy	Professor Eleanor Fox New York University
15:30 - 16:00	6.6 General discussion	

16:00 - 16:15 Break

SESSION 7: BREAKOUT SESSION

Time	Subject	Speaker
16:15 - 16:45	7.1 The future of international cooperation on competition policy	Participants
16:45 - 17:15	7.2 Reflections on the discussions in the breakout session	Frederic Jenny Professor of Economics at ESSEC Business School in Paris, Judge at the Supreme Court of France (Cour de Cassation); and Professor Eleanor Fox New York University
17:15 - 17:30	7.3 General discussion	

SESSION 8: Concluding session

Time	Subject	Speaker
17:30 - 17:45	8.1 Closing remarks	Anthony Taubman, Director IPD, WTO Secretariat