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WTO REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRADE FACILITATION FOR CENTRAL EASTERN EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS

Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna, Austria

24 – 26 July 2018

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization is organizing in partnership with the Joint Vienna Institute a **Regional Workshop on Trade Facilitation for Central Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus** to be held in **Vienna, Austria from 24 to 26 July 2018**.

This Workshop, in the context of the WTO Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2018-2019 (WT/COMTD/W/227/Rev.1) is entitled "*Trade Facilitation Agreement – Moving Forward*". The Workshop will be a hands-on practical activity focusing on three issues: 1) The WTO Trade Facilitation Committee and the overall state of play; 2) Sharing of experience and best practice with regard to border agency coordination, the establishment and publication of average release times, authorized operators, and regional issues; and 3) Identifying possible sources of assistance.

This Workshop is addressed to government officials who are actively involved in the implementation of the Agreement. Your Government is invited to nominate **four capital-based officials**. A maximum of **30 candidates** will be retained. Preference will be given to Working Chairs of national committees and to those who participated in previous related events. With respect to the selection process, please note that:

- Candidates should have experience in the area of trade facilitation, for instance, having participated in national needs assessment or being Members of the national Trade Facilitation Committee;
- Ideally, candidates should be actively involved in preparing the category B and C notifications;
- Preferably, the Working Chair or Secretary and at least one official from each country from the customs service;
- All candidates are required to be fluent in English which will be the working language of this event.

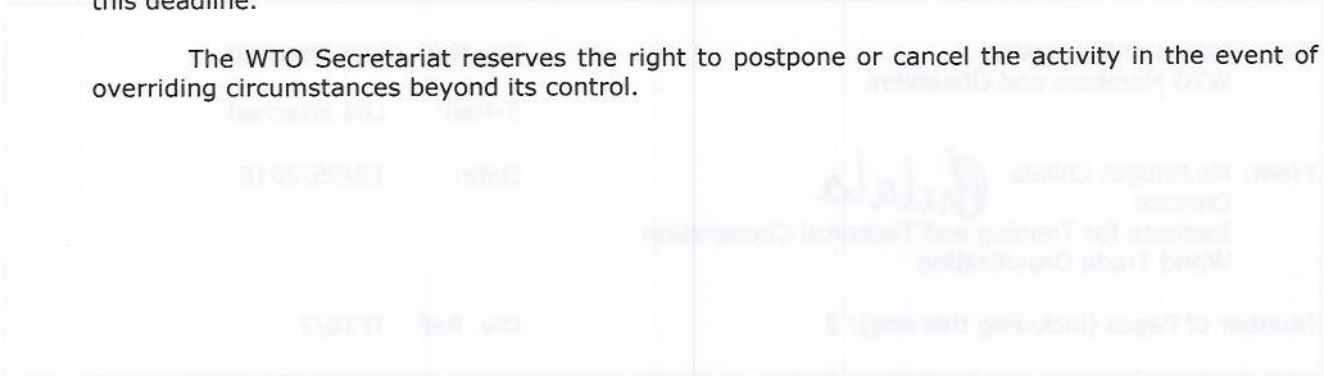
An economy-class round-trip air-ticket, daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the Workshop will be financed by the WTO, as well as terminal expenses for selected participants (allowances to be paid on the opening day of the activity). Other administrative arrangements shall be communicated directly to the selected participants, by the WTO, in due course.

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The Application forms, duly signed by the authorities presenting the nominees and validated by the Permanent Mission, should be transmitted with a **copy of passport and a one-page-CV** to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, Logistics Unit (**email: logistics.unit@wto.org or fax +41 22 739 5724**) **NO LATER THAN 4 JUNE 2018**. We would kindly request that care be exercised in clearly entering details of name, title, full address, telephone and emails of the nominees.

In light of the complex arrangements involved in the organization of this seminar, 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.



The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization is currently in partnership with the Joint Vienna Institute a Regional Workshop on Trade Facilitation for Central Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus to be held in Vienna, Austria from 24 to 28 July 2018.

The Workshop is the content of the WTO Institute Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2018-2019 (WT/COMTRADE/TAP/1) is a major Trade Facilitation Agreement - Working Group. The Workshop will be a hands-on practical activity focusing on three issues: 1) The WTO Trade Facilitation Committee and the overall role of days; 2) Sharing of experience and best practice with regard to border agency coordination, the establishment and operation of average release times, automated customs, and regional issues; and 3) Identifying possible sources of assistance.

The Workshop is addressed to government officials who are actively involved in the implementation of the Agreement. The government is invited to nominate four capacity-based officials. A maximum of 20 participants will be selected. Preference will be given to Working Group of national committees and to those who participated in previous related events. With regard to the selection process, please refer to:

- Candidates should have experience in the area of trade facilitation, for instance, having participated in national needs assessment or being members of the national Trade Facilitation Committee.
- Ideally, candidates should be actively involved in preparing the category B and C national committees.
- Preferably, the Working Group or Secretary will at least one official from each country from the customs agency.
- All candidates are required to be fluent in English which will be the working language of the event.

An economy-class round-trip air ticket, daily subsistence allowances for the duration of the Workshop will be provided by the WTO, as well as technical expenses for selected participants to be part of the starting day of the activity. Other administrative arrangements shall be communicated directly to the selected participants by the WTO in due course.