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WTO-SINGAPORE 6TH TRADE POLICY DIALOGUE ON THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM

SINGAPORE

13 – 15 January 2026

I am pleased to inform you that the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Government of Singapore, through the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), will be organizing the **6th WTO-Singapore Trade Policy Dialogue on the World Trading System**.

..... This Workshop will be held in **Singapore, from 13 to 15 January 2026**. An indicative Draft Programme of the Workshop is attached.

The Dialogue aims to facilitate understanding and conversation among senior trade officials (Director-level officials in charge of WTO issues) on the current state of play of key issues in the lead up to the 14th WTO Ministerial Conference to take place in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 26 to 29 March 2026.

Prominent trade experts will participate as speakers for the workshop. Participants are also expected to contribute actively to the discussions in all sessions.

INVITATION TO PROPOSE CANDIDATES FOR PARTICIPATION

Participation in the Dialogue will be subjected to a selection process by the organising partners. Your Government/Economy in Transition is invited to nominate **two senior capital-based officials** who are directly responsible for work relating to WTO matters. We encourage nominations of senior officials who are in charge of WTO issues, at the Director or Director-General level or above. All candidates must be fluent in English.

If you have any queries regarding the programme of the Workshop on the 6th Trade Policy Dialogue on the World Trading System 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; Tel: +41 22 739 69 36)

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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 who are directly responsible for work relating to WTO matters. Prior participation in WTO training activities (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 and Workshop venue; 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 your 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**) **NO LATER THAN 1 December 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 application 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) le 6e dialogue OMC-Singapour sur le système commercial mondial à Singapour, du 13 au 15 janvier 2026. 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) el sexto Diálogo sobre Política Comercial entre la OMC y Singapur sobre el Sistema Mundial de Comercio, que se celebrará en Singapur del 13 al 15 de enero de 2026. Este seminario será impartido en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación se distribuyen sólo en inglés.
