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WTO WORKSHOP ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

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The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing a **Workshop on Competition Policy, Trade and Development** for the benefit of participants from WTO Members and Observers eligible to benefit from WTO training and technical cooperation activities. The Workshop will take place from **17 to 19 July 2024 in Geneva**.

The Workshop

The purpose of this Workshop is to provide an opportunity for participants to enhance their awareness of the complementarities of competition and trade policies in support of economic development, with particular reference to the relevant WTO agreements, including the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement, the General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS) and the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA 2012). The programme includes case studies examining the advantages of integrated policymaking, including in the public health and government procurement areas. Attention will also be given to WTO rules relating to competitive neutrality as well as competition policy chapters in free trade agreements. A group exercise will be organised to stimulate discussion among the participants. Please note also that this Workshop is not intended as a general and comprehensive introduction to competition policy. Rather, as indicated, it focuses on selected aspects, specifically the relationship between trade and competition as well as the WTO and competition policy.

The programme will comprise presentations by WTO Secretariat officials and other international experts. A draft programme is attached. The Workshop will be held in **English**.

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Participation in the activity

The Members of the WTO and Observers to the WTO, who are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to nominate **up to three senior capital-based officials** to be considered to participate in the above activity. Ideally, at least one nominee should be from your trade ministry and one from your competition enforcement agency or other ministry or agency with policy responsibility in the area of competition policy and/or related aspects of trade policy. **The maximum number of participants for this activity is 30 and all selected participants will be funded.**

Preference will be given to nominees having policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in competition policy and/or related aspects of trade policy. The Organizers 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 participants.

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 selected candidates. Further administrative details will be communicated directly to the selected candidates.

Participants will be required to contribute to the Workshop by providing comments on their national experiences and actively participating in the group exercise. They should come duly prepared.

The application process

The application process consists of the following steps:

1. Interested candidates need to complete and submit the online application form, which is available at:
https://wto.formstack.com/forms/competition_policy_trade_and_development_workshop_2024
2. The online application form requires uploading a scanned copy of the passport and of the official nomination letter, signed and stamped by the competent government authority that is nominating the candidate. A template for such a letter to be signed and stamped by the national authority can be found in Annex 1 to this invitation letter.
3. The application form, including the passport and nomination letter, should be submitted via the online application system **NO LATER THAN 24 MAY 2024.**
4. Applications are to be validated by the Permanent Mission to the WTO. Validations should be addressed by email to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (e-mail: logistics.unit@wto.org) **NO LATER THAN 24 MAY 2024.**

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel this activity in the event of force majeure, or for any reason that renders the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

***Français/Español**

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un atelier sur la politique de la concurrence, le commerce et le développement, à Genève, du 17 au 19 juillet 2024. Ce séminaire étant délivré 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, el comercio y el desarrollo en Ginebra, del 17 al 19 de julio de 2024. Este seminario está impartido en inglés. Por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura se distribuyen únicamente en inglés.

ANNEX 1

TEMPLATE FOR NOMINATION LETTER TO BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND STAMPED BY THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY NOMINATING THE CANDIDATE

The **[Ministry/Directorate/National Office]** of **[Member/Observer]** officially nominates **[name of candidate]** to participate in the 2024 WTO Workshop on Competition Policy, Trade and Development, scheduled to take place from 17-19 July 2024 and hereby confirms that: (i) the candidate has policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in trade and/or competition policy matters; (ii) has full command of English and will be able to successfully and actively participate in the programme; and (iii) is fully aware that this nomination is subject to the decisions of the WTO Selection Committee and to the conditions described in the conditions to participate in WTO technical assistance activities.

Details of the official responsible for nominating this candidate:

Name	
Family Name	
Current Post	
Government Authority	
Telephone	
Email address	

By signing this form, the Nominating Authority certifies that all the information included is complete and correct.

Date	Signature	Stamp
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