



Misija Crne Gore pri UN i drugim međunarodnim organizacijama

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Ženeva, 26. avgust 2019. godine

PREDMET: Regionalna radionica o javnim nabavkama, Beč 10-12.decembar 2019

ZA DOSTAVU:

Kabinet ministra, GDM

U prilogu dostavljamo Poziv za učešće na radionici STOa o javnim nabavkama za zemlje Centralne i Istočne Evrope, Centralne Azije i Kavkaza, Beč 10-12,decembar 2019. godine.

Priložena aplikaciona forma mora biti popunjena i potpisana od kandidata kao i nadležnog starešine i uz kopiju pasoša dostavljena Sekretarijatu STOa na mail (logistics.unit@wto.org) preko Stalne misije Crne Gore u Ženevi, najkasnije do ponedjeljka 14. oktobra 2019. godine.

U slučaju da se dostavljaju aplikacije za više kandidata neophodno je da sve budu dostavljene istovremeno.

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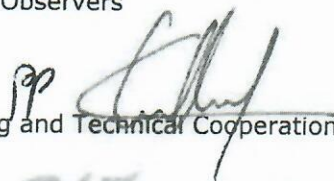



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**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE,
CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS COUNTRIES**
Vienna, Austria

10-12 December 2019

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization, with the financial assistance of the Global Trust Fund and the co-operation of the Joint Vienna Institute (JVI) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), is organizing a **Regional Workshop on Government Procurement for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus (CEECAC) countries**, to be held in **Vienna, Austria**, from **10 to 12 December 2019**.

The Workshop has as its purpose to provide a forum for trade and procurement experts to exchange information and experiences on policy and related issues in the government procurement sector, and to consider their implications for trade and economic performance.

The theme of this Workshop is: "*Government procurement and international trade disciplines: relevant WTO activities, regional developments, and policy considerations for transition and emerging economies.*"

The main objectives of the programme are: (i) to familiarize participants with WTO and EBRD activities related to government procurement, notably as they relate to trade, governance and economic performance; (ii) to elaborate on the benefits and challenges associated with accession to and implementation of the Agreement on Government Procurement and the procedures and modalities to be followed, in addition to related policy issues; and (iii) to discuss international and regional standards, developments and trends in the area of government procurement. An indicative draft programme of the workshop is attached.

As the Workshop will be held in English, participants will be required to be fluent in English. It is anticipated, however, that interpretation into Russian will be provided courtesy of EBRD.

Your Government is invited to nominate **up to four capital-based officials** to participate in this activity. The officials should have policy responsibility in relation to WTO and/or government procurement matters. They should be chosen from the Trade or Commerce Ministry, and from the national Procurement Authority, Ministry of Finance or other Ministry or Agency with policy responsibility in this area.

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A selection committee will consider all applications received and retain an overall maximum of **30 funded places**. Preference will be given to nominees having policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in trade and/or government procurement policy matters.

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.

..... The Application forms, duly signed by the authorities presenting the nominees and validated by the Permanent Mission, should be transmitted 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 14 OCTOBER 2019.**

Please note that the complex preparations and logistical arrangements for this activity mean that the WTO Secretariat cannot consider any applications received after the above date and/or without the validation by the applicants' Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO.

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel the activity in the event of force majeure or other reasons that render the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

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



WTO APPLICATION FORM

**WTO REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN Europe, CENTRAL ASIAN AND THE
CAUCASUS COUNTRIES**

**Joint Vienna Institute (Vienna, Austria)
10-12 DECEMBER 2019**

DEADLINE: 14 OCTOBER 2019

PART I

To be completed by the Applicant in **ENGLISH** (in **CAPITAL LETTERS** if handwritten)

MANDATORY: ALL THE INFORMATION ASKED IN THIS SECTION AND A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT

Mr. **Mrs.** **Miss** **Ms**

Surname	
Given name	
Birth date <i>day/month/year</i>	
Nationality	
Title/Position	
Ministry/ Government entity	
City	
Country/Separate Customs Territory	
Mobile phone n°	
Telephone n°	
Email addresses* (professional & personal)	* Important: all communications, documents and air-ticket will be sent by e-mail

Travel preference, if any (taken into consideration but not guaranteed)

Higher (university) education

When?	Where?	Title of qualification

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)? If so, which one (with dates)?	
Other WTO course(s) undertaken & dates	

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

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Additional information about the activity

Background: The officials should have policy responsibility in relation to WTO and/or government procurement matters. They should be chosen from the Trade or Commerce Ministry, and from the national Procurement Authority, Ministry of Finance or other Ministry or Agency with policy responsibility in this area.

Language skills: This activity will be delivered in English, with simultaneous interpretation into Russian. By signing this application form the Applicant and Nominating Authority certify that the Applicant meets this requirement.

PART II	To be completed by the Nominating Authority
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The Nominating Authority	
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- Officially nominates:

Name of candidate	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to attend the WTO GPA Workshop, to be held in Vienna from 10 to 12 December 2019. • 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.

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

YES

NO

Details of the **official responsible for nominating this candidate:**

Surname	
Given Name	
Title/Position	
Organization/Entity	
Telephone	
Email address	

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

Date & signature (Candidate)	Date, <u>signature & STAMP</u> (Nominating Authority)

ANNEX: CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN WTO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

Travel, air-tickets, visas, transit visas, accommodation and subsistence allowances

1. Countries are implementing very strict visa policies. Please enquire several weeks in advance on the visas and transit visas you need. Make the necessary arrangements in your country to obtain them 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, your preference will be taken into consideration but is not guaranteed.
3. The organizers will provide you with a round-trip airplane ticket in economy-class, a terminal expenses allowance, accommodation, and a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the activity in Geneva (or full board accommodation for regional activities).
4. Administrative and logistical details will be communicated by e-mail to the selected participants directly.

Please note that the WTO Secretariat DOES NOT assume financial or any other responsibility for items not explicitly mentioned in this Note as being covered. This means that the WTO Secretariat assumes NO responsibility for, among others, the following items:

1. Expenses incurred in connection with foreign travel formalities (visas, transit visas, taxes, travel to get visas, medical examinations, vaccinations, etc.), expenses during the journey resulting from lack of transit visa or from insufficient passport validity.
2. Salaries of the participants during their participation in the Activity.
3. Travel or other expenses of any additional persons accompanying the participants.
4. Travel, medical or accident insurance, or medical expenses regardless of their cause, during the journey to/from the activity or while attending it, including emergency treatment, hospitalization, ambulance or other transportation, evacuation and repatriation.
5. Loss or damage to the personal effects of the participants during travel or attendance at the Activity.
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, phone calls, 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 ORGANIZERS.
9. Any damages made by you to the facilities to which you have access during your stay (i.e. hotel room) which will be your responsibility.

I, the undersigned Applicant, declare that I have carefully read this application form and that I accept the aforementioned conditions:

Date, name, signature of the candidate & stamp

THIS COMPLETED FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY YOUR PERMANENT MISSION/EMBASSY, WITH A PDF COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS ONLY, AT THE LATEST BY THE DEADLINE MENTIONED ON PAGE 1

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INCOMPLETE/ILLEGIBLE FORMS, OR FORMS NOT PRESENTED BY THE PERMANENT MISSION, OR PRESENTED BY THE PERMANENT MISSION AFTER THE DEADLINE, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



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WTO/EBRD REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIAN AND THE CAUCASUS COUNTRIES

JOINT VIENNA INSTITUTE,
VIENNA, AUSTRIA

10-12 DECEMBER 2019

PROGRAMME (DRAFT)¹

This Workshop is organized by the WTO Secretariat in co-operation with the Joint Vienna Institute (JVI) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), for the benefit of participants from Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus (CEECAC) countries.

The theme of the Workshop is: *Government procurement and international trade disciplines: relevant WTO activities, regional developments, and policy considerations for transition and emerging economies.*

The purpose of the Workshop is to provide a forum for both trade and procurement policy makers and experts to exchange information on national, bilateral, regional and multilateral trade-related activities and initiatives in the area of government procurement. The broad objectives of the programme are: (i) to familiarize participants with WTO and EBRD activities related to government procurement, notably as they relate to trade, governance and economic performance; (ii) to elaborate on the benefits and challenges associated with accession to and implementation of the Agreement and the procedures and modalities to be followed, in addition to related policy issues; and (iii) to discuss international and regional standards, developments and trends in the area of government procurement.

The Workshop will be held in English. Interpretation into Russian will be provided courtesy of EBRD.

The programme will follow an interactive approach emphasizing embedded policy discussion sessions on topical issues, networking, and the exchange of information and sharing of experiences, in addition to lectures and presentations.

It is anticipated that up to two participants from each of the following countries will attend the Workshop: Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Georgia, Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, the Republic of North Macedonia, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

To encourage the sharing and exchange of information and experiences on national and regional disciplines, participants are encouraged to come prepared, where possible, with relevant material to contribute to the workshop.

¹ Version 1.4 – 23.07.2019.

DAY 1, 10 DECEMBER 2019

[08:00 MEETING POINT FOR PARTICIPANTS: Hotel Lobby]

08:30 REGISTRATION AT JVI, VIENNA

SESSION 1: Opening

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:20	1.1 Opening remarks	Joint Vienna Institute WTO Secretariat European Bank for Reconstruction and Development EBRD
09:20 – 09:45	1.2 Participant introductions	

SESSION 2: Significance of government procurement for trade and growth in the prevailing economic environment

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:45 – 10:15	2.1 The Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) as a pillar of international trade: competition, governance, value for money and the international dimension of government procurement	Mr Robert Anderson Nottingham University (TBC)
10:15 – 10:30	2.2 General discussion	

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

SESSION 3: The revised WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA): potential market access benefits and outcomes of the recent renegotiation

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
11:00 – 11:30	3.1 The GPA: basic principles and aims, outcomes of the renegotiation and other developments, and relevance for transition and emerging economies	WTO Secretariat
11:30 – 12:15	3.2 Introduction to the GPA and walk-through of the revised text of the Agreement	WTO Secretariat
12:15 – 12:30	3.3 General discussion	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

SESSION 4: Implementation issues: national and international perspectives

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:00 – 14:30	4.1 Synergies between international regimes and domestic reforms: relevance of the revised UNCITRAL Model Law on Public Procurement and complementarities with the revised GPA	Ms Caroline Nicholas UNCITRAL

14:30 – 15:00	4.2	EBRD GPA TC Facility: new developments and projects	Ms Eliza Niewiadomska EBRD
15:00 – 15:30	4.3	Preventing corruption in public procurement markets: overview and international evidence on effective domestic reforms	Professor Alina Mungiu-Pippidi Hertie School of Governance Germany (TBC)
15:30 – 15:45	4.4	General discussion	

15:45 - 16:00 Coffee break

SESSION 5: Government procurement and the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations - breakout session

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
16:00 – 16:05	5.1 Introduction to the exercise	WTO Secretariat
16:05 – 16:50	5.2 Breakout discussion	Participants interventions
16:50 – 17:30	5.3 Feedback and main takeaways	

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SESSION 6: Accession to the GPA: potential benefits, costs and policy considerations for transition and emerging economies

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:25	6.1 Accession to the GPA: present situation, potential benefits and costs and policy considerations for transition economies	WTO Secretariat
09:25 – 09:45	6.2 Accession to the GPA: strategic considerations and flexibilities under the revised GPA	WTO Secretariat
09:45 – 10:00	6.3 General discussion	

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

SESSION 7: Significance of opening government procurement markets to competition: relevance of the GPA for trade and growth

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
10:15 – 10:40	7.1 The role of trade agreements in fighting corruption: some insights and suggestions on the GPA and RTAs as complementary instruments	Professor Alina Mungiu-Pippidi Hertie School of Governance, Germany (TBC)
10:40 – 11:05	7.2 Measures to prevent collusive tendering: competition policy as a necessary complement to procurement policies	Mr Robert Anderson Nottingham University
11:05 – 11:25	7.3 Country example: Fighting corruption and preventing collusion – the role of the GPA accession	(TBA)
11:25 – 11:40	7.4 General discussion	

SESSION 8: E-procurement reforms and GPA accession: practical experience

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
11:40 – 12:00	8.1 E-procurement under the revised GPA	WTO Secretariat
12:00 – 12:20	8.2 Electronic data availability and eCitizenship as good governance tools	Professor Alina Mungiu-Pippidi Hertie School of Governance, Germany
12:20 – 12:40	8.3 Country example: E-procurement reform and the GPA accession	(TBA)
12:40 – 13:00	8.4 General discussion	

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch break

SESSION 9: Significance of opening government procurement markets to competition: relevance of the GPA for trade and growth, cont'd

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:15 – 14:45	9.1 Opening regional markets to cross-border bidding: opportunities and challenges	Ms Eliza Niewiadomska EBRD
14:45 – 15:15	9.2 Country example: Opening procurement markets: the experience of Moldova	Ms Dorina Harcenco EBRD
15:15 – 15:30	9.3 General discussion	

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

SESSION 10: Multilateralism and regionalism in the government procurement sector

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
15:45 – 16:15	10.1 Government procurement in regional trade agreements: latest developments and implications for the GPA	WTO
16:15 – 16:45	10.2 Country example: The cases of the Eurasian Economic Union Treaty and the MERCOSUR-EU FTA	Ms Dorina Harcenco, Mr Eriks Mezalis EBRD
16:45 – 17:00	10.3 General discussion	

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SESSION 11: GPA institutional provisions

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:20	11.1 GPA domestic review procedures: purpose, institutional design and relevant provisions	WTO Secretariat
09:20 – 09:40	11.2 Country example: Reforming domestic review systems: the case of Ukraine	Mr Eriks Mezalis EBRD
09:40 – 10:00	11.3 WTO dispute settlement procedures under the GPA	WTO Secretariat
10:00 – 10:20	11.4 General discussion	

10:20– 10:40 Coffee break

SESSION 12: Statistical Reporting and Data

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
10:40 – 11:10	12.1 GPA statistical and reporting requirements	WTO Secretariat
11:10 – 11:40	12.2 The Open Contracting Data Standard: relevance for monitoring and efficient public procurement systems	Mr Viktor Nestulia, Open Contracting Partnership
11:40 – 12:10	12.3 Country example: Piloting OCDS in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Tunisia	(TBA)
12:10 – 12:30	12.4 General discussion	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

SESSION 13: Opening procurement markets, promoting inclusive growth: the relevance of the GPA

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:00 – 14:30	13.1 Integrating SMEs and sustainability in government procurement: the GPA Committee's work programmes and role of the GPA	WTO Secretariat
14:30 – 15:00	13.2 SMEs and women-owned businesses participation in public procurement markets: evidence from data analysis	Mr Mihaly Fazekas, DIGIWHIST
15:00 – 15:30	13.3 Country example: New approach in the Kyrgyz Republic to Integrating SMEs in government procurement	(TBA), Kyrgyz Republic
15:30 – 15:45	13.4 General discussion	

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break

SESSION 14: Concluding session

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
16:00 – 16:15	14.1 Individual review, evaluation and personal reflection	Participants
16:15 – 16:40	14.2 Seminar wrap-up and summary discussion	Mr Robert Anderson Nottingham University
16:40 – 17:00	14.3 Concluding remarks	Participants WTO EBRD JVI