



ADVANCED GLOBAL WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

PROMOTING TRADE, GOOD GOVERNANCE AND INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: THE REVISED WTO AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GPA) AS AN ENABLER ¹

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PROGRAMME (DRAFT)²

Day 1 – Monday, 10 September 2018, Morning

- 09:00 Registration and security procedures
09:30 Official Opening of the Workshop

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09.30 – 09.45	Keynote Address	[Mr Roberto Azêvedo Director General, WTO]

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
09:45 – 10:15	Introduction to the programme	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
	Participant expectations and objectives	Participants

SESSION 1a: The significance of government procurement for trade, shared prosperity, development and economic reform

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
10:15 – 10:45	1.1 Government procurement, good governance and economic reforms: the pathway to development	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University
10:45 – 11:00	1.2 General discussion/key takeaways	

11:00 – 11:30 Break

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SESSION 1b: The significance of government procurement for trade, shared prosperity, development and economic reform, *cont'd*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
11:30 – 12:05	1.3	The revised GPA: global context, core disciplines, trade dimension and policy considerations for developing and transition economies	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
12:05 – 12:30	1.4	General discussion/key takeaways	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Day 1 – Monday, 10 September 2018, Afternoon

SESSION 2a: Increasing policy coherence internationally: synergies and complementarities between the revised GPA and other international instruments, and relevance to sustainable development

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
14:00 – 14:45	2.1	Improving lives, reducing poverty, promoting development: World Bank work on public procurement, significance for the SDGs and synergies with the GPA	TBA World Bank
14:45 – 15:15	2.2	The reform and modernisation of government procurement systems: EBRD's experience in Europe [and Africa] and synergies with the GPA	[Mr Jan Jackholt] EBRD
15:15 – 15:30	2.3	General discussion/key takeaways	

15:30 – 15:45 Break

SESSION 2b: Increasing policy coherence internationally: synergies and complementarities between the revised GPA and other international instruments, and relevance to sustainable development, *cont'd*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
15:45 – 16:15	2.4	Regional integration and industrialisation in Africa: infrastructure provision, government procurement, and related work of the African Development Bank (AfDB)	[TBA] African Development Bank
16:15 – 16:45	2.5	Facilitating inclusive trade, sustainable development and mutual welfare: SMEs as a vector and 'strategic development procurement' as a possible pathway	Mr Kodjo Osei-Lah WTO Secretariat
16:45 – 17:00	2.6	General discussion/key takeaways	

17:00 Close for the Day

Day 2 - Tuesday, 11 September 2018, Morning

SESSION 3a: Government procurement and the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
09:30 – 10:15	3.1	The revised GPA: walk-through of the text of the Agreement with focus on the core principles and new elements	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
10:15 – 10:45	3.2	The EU Procurement Directives as an example of GPA implementation: experience and insights	Mr Bonifacio Garcia Porras European Commission
10:45 – 11:00	3.3	General discussion/key takeaways	

11:00 – 11:15 Break

SESSION 3b: Government procurement and the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations, *cont'd*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
11:15 – 11:45	3.4	Domestic review procedures: the core requirements of the GPA	Ms Anna Caroline Müller WTO Secretariat
11:45 – 12:15	3.5	Domestic review procedures: insights and lessons from the United States and other international experience	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School
12:15 – 12:30	3.6	General discussion/key takeaways	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Day 2 - Tuesday, 11 September 2018, Afternoon

SESSION 3c: Government procurement and the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations, *cont'd*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
14:00 – 14:30	3.7	Institutional provisions under the GPA: application of the WTO DSU	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
14:30 – 15:00	3.8	The UNCITRAL Model Law as a legal standard for domestic procurement reforms, and synergies with the GPA	Ms Caroline Nicholas UNCITRAL
15:00 – 15:20	3.9	General discussion/key takeaways	

15:20 – 15:40 Break

SESSION 3d: Government procurement and the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations, *cont'd*: - breakout session

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
15:40 – 15:45	3.10	Introduction to the exercise	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
15:45 – 16:40	3.11	Breakout discussion	Participants interventions
16:40 – 17:00	3.11	Feedback and main takeaways	

17:00 Close for the Day

Day 3 - Wednesday, 12 September 2018, Morning

SESSION 4a: Government procurement and the international trading system: market access commitments under the GPA and other approaches

Time	Subject		Speakers
09:30 – 10:00	4.1	Ensuring effective competition in government procurement markets: the role of the GPA	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
10:00 – 10:45	4.2	Market access opportunities under the revised GPA and scope and coverage of the Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of the e-GPA tool as a market access information resource (https://e-gpa.wto.org) 	Mr Philippe Pelletier WTO Secretariat
10:45 – 11:00	4.3		

11:00 – 11:15 Break

SESSION 4b: Government procurement and the international trading system: market access commitments under the GPA and other approaches, cont'd

Time	Subject		Speakers
11:15 – 11:45	4.4	The European Union's market access commitments under the revised GPA	Mr Bonifacio Garcia Porras European Commission
11:45 – 12:15	4.5	The United States' market access commitments under the revised GPA	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School
12:15 – 12:30	4.6	General discussion/key takeaways	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Day 3 - Wednesday, 12 September 2018, Afternoon

SESSION 4c: Government procurement and the international trading system, cont'd: recent developments in regional trade agreements and country experiences with domestic reforms

Time	Subject		Speakers
14:00 – 14:30	4.7	The treatment of government procurement in bilateral and regional trade agreements	Mr Jianning Chen WTO Secretariat
14:30 – 15:00	4.8	Liberalisation of government procurement markets: a country experience	Participant's representative (e.g participant from Latin America, a recently acceded GPA Party, or a participating country of the CPTTP ³)
15:00 – 15:20	4.9	General discussion/key takeaways	

15:20 – 15:40 Break

³ CPTTP: Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership

SESSION 4d: Government procurement and the international trading system: market access commitments under the GPA and other approaches - breakout session

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
15:40 – 15:45	4.10	Introduction to the exercise	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
15:45 – 16:40	4.11	Breakout discussion	Participants
16:40 – 17:00	4.12	Feedback and main takeaways	

17:00 **Close for the Day**

Day 4 - Thursday, 13 September 2018, Morning

SESSION 5: Accession to the GPA: pros and cons, procedures, transitional measures, and strategic consideration for developing countries

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
09:30 – 09:55	5.1	Accession to the GPA: recent trends, process and procedures	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
09:55 – 10:20	5.2	The GPA transitional measures for developing countries: potential value as a toolkit in a sustainable development era and issues arising	Ms Anna Caroline Müller WTO Secretariat
10:20 – 10:45	5.3	GPA accession as a strategy for reform and export market success: negotiating and tactical considerations	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School
10:45 – 11:00	5.4	General discussion/key takeaways	

11:00 – 11:15 **Break**

SESSION 6: Evaluating the benefits of market opening in the government procurement sector: emerging new evidence, facts and figures

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
11:15 – 11:45	6.1	Buttressing the case for international public procurement: the role of data-driven policy making	Ms Zornitsa Kutlina-Dimitrova European Commission
11:45 – 12:15	6.2	The benefits and costs of GPA accession: a holistic assessment	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
12:15 – 12:30	6.3	General discussion/key takeaways	

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

SESSION 7: e-Procurement reforms and market liberalisation: recent country and international experiences and relevance of the open contracting standard

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
14:00 – 14:20	7.1	e-Procurement and the GPA	Mr Philippe Pelletier WTO Secretariat
14:20 – 14:45	7.2	The impact of e-procurement reforms on efficiency, transparency, accessibility of government procurement markets: a country experience	Participant representative
14:45 – 15:15	7.3	e-Procurement reforms and GPA accession as a strategy for market liberalisation, economic [reform] [integration] and growth: practical insights from the work of EBRD	Ms Eliza Niewiadomska EBRD
15:15 – 15:30	7.4	General discussion/key takeaways	

15:30 – 15:45 Break

SESSION 8: GPA accession decision model – *breakout session*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
15:45 – 15:55	8.1	Introduction to the exercise	Ms Anna Müller WTO Secretariat
15:55 – 16:45	8.2	Breakout discussion	Participants
16:45 – 17:00	8.3	Feedback and main takeaways	

17:00 Close for the Day

Day 5 - Friday, 14 September 2018, Morning

SESSION 9a: Preventing corruption and supplier collusion, and promoting competition in public procurement markets

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
09:30 – 10:00	9.1	Preventing corruption and fostering competition in public procurement markets: the role of international trade, electronic data availability and eCitizenship	Professor Alina Mungiu-Pippidi Hertie School of Governance Germany
10:00 – 10.30	9.2	The Open Contracting Data Standard and its use in monitoring procurement outcomes	Mr Karolis Granickas Open Contracting Partnership
10.30– 10:50	9.3	General discussion/key takeaways	

10:50 – 11:10 Break

SESSION 9b: Preventing corruption and supplier collusion, and promoting competition in public procurement markets, *cont'd*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
11:10 – 11:40	9.4	Government procurement and corruption control: lessons from international experience, and implications for institution and human capacity building	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School
11:40 – 12:10	9.5	Measures to prevent collusive tendering: an important adjunct to a liberalized government procurement regime	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
12:10 – 12:30	9.6	General discussion/key takeaways	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Day 5 - Friday, 14 September 2018, Afternoon

SESSION 10: Envisioning the GPA of the future: sustainability and facilitating the participation of SMEs in government procurement markets

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
14:00 – 14:25	10.1	GPA Committee's work programmes on SME and sustainability and key takeaways from the 2017 WTO GPA Symposium on Sustainable Procurement	Mr Philippe Pelletier WTO Secretariat
14:20 – 14:45	10.2	Sustainable public procurement, best value for money and international trade obligations: the GPA as a model agreement	Judge Marc Steiner Swiss Federal Administrative Court
14:45 – 15:15	10.3	Integrating SMEs in government procurement: results of an EBRD study (update)	Ms Eliza Niewiadomska EBRD
15:15 – 15:30	10.4	General discussion/key takeaways	

15:30 – 15:45 Break

SESSION 11: Concluding session

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
15:45 – 16:15	11.1	Individual review, evaluation and personal reflection	Participants
16:15 – 16:25	11.2	Concluding plenary: participants' feedback and any comments	Participants
16:25 – 16:40	11.3	Rapporteur's reflections	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School
16:40 – 16:45	11.4	Closing remarks	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat

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