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WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) – JOINT VIENNA INSTITUTE (JVI)
**ADVANCED REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE AGREEMENT
FOR
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIA AND CAUCASUS (CEECAC) COUNTRIES**
VIENNA – AUSTRIA

Face-to-face Regional Workshop

16-18 JULY 2024

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing in collaboration with the Joint Vienna Institute (JVI) a **face-to-face Regional Workshop on Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus (CEECAC) countries to be held in Vienna (Austria), from 16 to 18 July 2024.**

The Workshop, in the context of the WTO Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2024-2025 ([WT/COMTD/W/273](#)) aims to facilitate the more effective participation of the CEECAC countries in the work of the World Trade Organization.

..... An indicative draft programme of the Workshop is attached.

This Workshop aims to bring together officials from the CEECAC region who are responsible for the implementation of the WTO Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement. The Workshop will focus on the following areas: the key principles of the TBT Agreement; on-going work in the TBT Committee; the transparency framework; international standards; and quality infrastructure. The Workshop will provide a forum to share national and regional experiences in the implementation of the Agreement, including in the respect of national and regional coordination on TBT matters.

The target audience for the Workshop is mid-level government officials who work on a regular basis on matters relating to the implementation of the TBT Agreement, such as enquiry point officials, regulators and those involved in trade policy.

The Workshop will be conducted in **English only**.*

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CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

The WTO Secretariat will conduct a selection process to fill the **34 available spaces** for the Workshop. **Your government is kindly invited to nominate four candidates.** Applications will only be considered from candidates who have experience and current job descriptions directly relevant to the subject of the Workshop as described above. At equal level of competence, preference will be given to applicants for whom the training will be most relevant, and who have already undertaken the WTO E-Learning course on TBT – or equivalent training provided by another competent international organization (further information available on: <https://wtolearning.csod.com/>). Alternatively, however, applicants may also show commensurate knowledge or professional experience.

COSTS COVERED FOR PARTICIPANTS

An economy-class round-trip air ticket (excursion fare, if applicable), daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the Workshop only will be financed, 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 in due course.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

.... The attached Application Form must be returned, completed and signed by the candidate as well as by the nominating national authority which presents the candidate, **via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO, to the Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation** (e-mail: logistics.unit@wto.org) **at the latest by 15 APRIL 2024.**

In light of complex arrangements involved in the organization of the Workshop, we need to stress that beyond this deadline, the Secretariat would not be in a position to process the names of new participants.

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

Français/Español

**L'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce (OMC) organise un Atelier régional sur les Obstacles Techniques au Commerce pour la région ECOACC, du 16 au 18 Juillet 2024. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature sont distribués en anglais uniquement.*

**La Organización Mundial del Comercio (OMC) organiza un Taller Regional sobre Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio para la región ECOACC, del 16 al 18 de julio de 2024. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.*