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## **CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON THE NOTIFICATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS\***

### **INVITATION TO PRESENT CANDIDATES**

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing a Capacity Building Workshop on the Notification of Quantitative Restrictions that will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from **24 to 26 April 2023**.

..... The Workshop is a specialized training activity that seeks to improve Members' understanding of the WTO rules on quantitative restrictions and increase their compliance with the transparency obligations under the "Decision on the Notification of Quantitative Restrictions" (G/L/59/Rev.1). The draft programme of the workshop is attached.

WTO developing and least-developed Members that are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities are invited to nominate one capital-based official to participate in the workshop. The nominee must be directly responsible for the preparation and/or coordination of notifications on quantitative restrictions.

**Twenty five (25) places** will be made available for applicants from WTO developing and least-developed Members that are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities. For these participants, the WTO will bear their expenses (i.e., return economy class ticket, terminal expenses allowance, daily subsistence allowance and accommodation for the duration of the Workshop).

In order to maximize the impact of this Workshop, nominees will be required to indicate:

- i) whether work on the preparation of the notification on quantitative restrictions has been undertaken by their respective government, including the challenges that have been faced; and
- ii) the steps that will be taken to prepare the notification upon return to work.

Funded participants will be required to prepare a draft notification at the Workshop, with the assistance of the Secretariat. Nominees who have already undertaken work on this notification or who are familiar with his/her government's trade restrictions or prohibitions will be given priority in the selection process. From the nominees that meet these requirements, preference will be given to developing or least-developed WTO Members that have never submitted a QR notification. If the quota of funded participants is not filled, the participation of capital-based officials from Members that have submitted partial or incomplete QR notifications will be considered.

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Self-funded applicants from any other Member will also be accepted, but they will need to bear their own expenses in full.

..... 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, at the latest by 24 February 2023**. Applications for this Workshop should be submitted along with a current CV indicating successful completion of the relevant training on WTO Agreements. Please note that, in light of the logistical complexity of the activity, the Secretariat will not be in a position to process applications received after this deadline.

The Application Form with a copy of passport should be returned by email to the **WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, Logistics Unit: [logistics.unit@wto.org](mailto:logistics.unit@wto.org)**.

Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. Relevant administrative information, travel details and ticket will be sent shortly after the selection has taken place.

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel this activity in the event of force majeure, if sufficient funding cannot be secured in time, or for any other reason that render the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

### **\*Français/Español**

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un cours de renforcement des capacités sur la notification de restrictions quantitatives, à Genève, du 24 au 26 avril 2023. Ce cours étant donné principalement en anglais, l'invitation et les formulaires de candidature et de nomination sont distribués en anglais uniquement.

La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza un taller de capacitación sobre la notificación de restricciones cuantitativas, en Ginebra, del 24 al 26 de abril de 2023. Este curso será dado principalmente en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación serán distribuidos sólo en inglés.