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## **WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) – JOINT VIENNA INSTITUTE (JVI)**

### **REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIA AND CAUCASUS (CEECAC) COUNTRIES**

#### **VIENNA – AUSTRIA (IN ENGLISH\*)**

*Face-to-face Regional Workshop*

**29 April to 1 May 2025**

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 the Agreement on Agriculture for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus (CEECAC) countries to be held in Vienna (Austria), from 29 April to 1 May 2025.**

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.

The objective of the Workshop is twofold. Firstly, it is intended to provide a thorough overview of the Agreement on Agriculture and its current provisions, tailored for the participating countries, encompassing related transparency mechanisms and Committee procedures. Secondly, it will present the current state of play in the negotiations on agriculture and offer participants a unique platform to informally exchange views on the negotiations, including the positions of their respective countries. The Workshop will employ a dynamic approach, combining informative presentations, interactive exercises, and engaging discussions with experts.

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 Agreement on Agriculture and those involved in trade policy.

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

### 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 Agriculture – or equivalent training provided by another competent international organization (further information available on: <https://wtolearning.csod.com/>). Alternatively, 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](mailto:logistics.unit@wto.org)) **at the latest by 24 FEBRUARY 2025.**

In light of the 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 candidature 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 l'accord sur l'Agriculture pour la région ECOACC, du 29 avril au 1 mai 2025. 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 el Acuerdo de Agricultura para la región ECOACC, del 29 de abril al 1 de mayo de 2025. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.*