



Misija Crne Gore pri UN i drugim međunarodnim organizacijama

Broj: WTO/ /MVP OUT

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Ženeva, 4. mart 2019. godine

PREDMET: Poziv za učešće na globalnoj radionici o javnim nabavkama, Ženeva 13-17 maj 2019.

ZA DOSTAVU:
Kabinet ministra, GDM

U prilogu dostavljamo poziv za učešće na na globalnoj radionici o javnim nabavkama, koja će se održati u Ženevi od 13-17 maja 2019. godine.

Crna Gora može kandidovati do četiri predstavnika od kojih će dva koja ispunjavaju uslove biti izabrana i finansirana od strane STOa.

Priložena aplikaciona forma mora biti popunjena i dostavljena Sekretarijatu STOa preko stalne Misije Crne Gore u Ženevi, najkasnije do srijede 20. marta 2019. godine.

U prilogu dostavljamo pozivno pismo, aplikacioni formular i agendu.



Otpravnik poslova a.i.

Goran Šćepanović



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WTO ADVANCED GLOBAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT WORKSHOP 2019

Geneva, Switzerland

13-17 May 2019

Within the framework of the World Trade Organization's Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2018-2019 (WT/COMTD/W/227/Rev.1), the WTO Secretariat, with the financial assistance of the Global Trust Fund, is organizing an **Advanced Global Workshop on Government Procurement** for the benefit of participants from eligible WTO Members and Observers. Participants eligible for funding will be individually selected on the basis of their current responsibilities and experience in trade, government procurement policy and related areas.

The Workshop will be held on **13-17 May 2019**, at the headquarters of the WTO in **Geneva**. The Workshop aims to: (i) familiarize participants with the WTO work on government procurement, notably as it relates to trade, good governance and inclusive sustainable development; (ii) elaborate the content of the GPA, and explore the opportunities for enhanced global policy coherence, building on synergies and complementarities with other international instruments; (iii) reflect upon the relevance of the GPA to evolving policy developments, such as on SMEs, sustainability and e-procurement, and consider their implications for future domestic reforms and for the UN SDGs; and (iv) elaborate the potential benefits, challenges and modalities of accession to, and participation in, the Agreement. It thus seeks to facilitate policy analysis and dialogue on this issue both nationally and internationally. A draft programme is attached.

The Workshop will be held in **English**. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into French and Spanish for the benefit of interested participants.

Participation in the activity

The WTO Secretariat will fund **up to two senior capital-based officials per eligible country up to a maximum of 30** participants to participate in the above activity. Additional participants up to a total of **20** may be accepted on a **self-funded** basis, **subject to an overall maximum of 50** WTO-funded and self-funded participants.

Preference will be given to nominees having policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in trade and/or government procurement policy matters. The Organisers reserve the right to select candidates and to decline the candidature of nominees who do not meet these requirements and/or on the basis of the maximum number of funded participants.

Nominations and logistical matters

You are invited to nominate **up to four senior capital-based officials, of whom up to two may be selected and funded** to participate in the activity. Ideally, one official should be from your government's Trade Ministry and one from your Ministry of Finance, Procurement Authority or other Ministry or Agency with policy responsibility in this area.

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The nominations, on the attached application form, must be returned, duly completed and signed by the candidate as well as by the nominating national authority, **via the Permanent Mission / Embassy to the WTO, no later than WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2019**, to Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (E-mail: logistics.unit@wto.org or Fax: +41 22/739 57 24).

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. **No logistical arrangements can be made for self-funded participants.**

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 activity by providing comments on their national experiences, particularly during the breakout sessions and the general discussions sessions for each topic area, and should come duly prepared.



ADVANCED GLOBAL WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

PROMOTING TRADE, GOOD GOVERNANCE AND INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: THE REVISED WTO AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GPA) AS AN ENABLER¹

CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD (WTO HEADQUARTERS – ROOM [E])
GENEVA, 13-17 MAY 2019

PROGRAMME²

Day 1 – Monday, 13 May 2019, Morning

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

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
09:30 – 10:00	Opening remarks	Mr Reto Malacrida WTO Secretariat
	Participant expectations and objectives	Participants

Keynote Address

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
10:00 – 10:15	Keynote Address	Mr Roberto Azêvedo Director General, WTO (TBC)

Introduction to the Programme

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
10:15 – 10:30	Programme outline	Ms Anna Caroline Müller WTO Secretariat
	Administrative announcements	ITTC (TBA)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

¹ This Workshop has been organised by the WTO Secretariat for the benefit of WTO Members and Observers and other interested persons/organisations, and is for educational and capacity building purposes only. All views expressed are the personal responsibility of the individual speakers, and are strictly without prejudice to the views, interests or positions of WTO Members and Observers.

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

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
11:00 – 11:35	1.1 Government procurement, good governance and economic reforms: the pathway to development	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University
11:35 – 12:10	1.2 The revised GPA: global context, core disciplines, trade dimension and policy considerations for developing and transition economies	TBA
12:10 – 12:30	1.3 General discussion/key takeaways	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Day 1 – Monday, 13 May 2019, Afternoon

SESSION 2a: Facilitating sustainable development and shared prosperity: role and relevance of government procurement, significance of the GPA, and importance of international policy coherence in this sphere

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
14:00 – 14:35	2.1 Work of the World Bank on public procurement: practical, innovative solutions to improve procurement governance and deliver enhanced value for money	Mr Vinay Sharma Director Solutions and Innovations in Procurement Governance Global Practice, World Bank
14:35 – 15:05	2.2 Promoting inclusive trade, sustainable development and mutual welfare: strategic public procurement as facilitator and implications for international cooperation	Mr Kodjo Osei-Lah WTO Secretariat
15:05 – 15:20	2.3 General discussion/key takeaways	

15:20 – 15:35 Break

SESSION 2b: Facilitating sustainable development and shared prosperity: role and relevance of government procurement, significance of the GPA, and importance of international policy coherence in this sphere, *contd*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
15:35 – 16:10	2.4 The reform and modernisation of government procurement systems: EBRD's experience in Europe and Africa and synergies with the GPA	Mr Jan Jackholt Director of Procurement EBRD
16:10 – 16:45	2.5 World Bank work on public procurement: managing environmental, social, health, safety risks including gender-based violence related-aspects.	Mr Enzo De Laurentiis Chief Procurement Officer World Bank (<i>by video conference</i>)
16:45 – 17:00	2.6 General discussion/key takeaways	

17:00 Close for the Day

Day 2 - Tuesday, 14 May 2019, Morning

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

Time	Subject	Speakers
09:30 - 10:15	3.1 Introduction to the GPA: walk-through of the revised text of the Agreement	TBA
10:15 - 10:45	3.2 General discussion/key takeaways	

10:45 - 11:00 Break

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

Time	Subject	Speakers
11:00 - 11:45	3.3 The EU Procurement Directives as an example of GPA implementation: experience and insights	Professor Sue Arrowsmith University of Nottingham School of Law
11:45 - 12:15	3.4 GPA implementation: lessons and insights from US experience	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School
12:15 - 12:30	3.5 General discussion/key takeaways	

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

Day 2 - Tuesday, 14 May 2019, Afternoon

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

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:00 - 14:35	3.6 The design of review bodies: GPA requirements, European experiences and options	Professor Sue Arrowsmith University of Nottingham School of Law
14:35 - 15:10	3.7 Domestic review in the United States: experiences and lessons learned	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University
15:10 - 15:25	3.8 General discussion/key takeaways	

15:25 - 15:40 Break

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

Time	Subject	Speakers
15:40 - 15:45	3.9 Introduction to the exercise	TBA WTO Secretariat
15:45 - 16:40	3.10 Breakout discussion	Participants interventions
16:40 - 17:00	3.11 Feedback and main takeaways	

17:00 Close for the Day

Day 3 - Wednesday, 15 May 2019, Morning

SESSION 4a: Government procurement and the international trading system: market access commitments under the GPA and application of the WTO DSU

Time	Subject	Speakers
09:30 – 10:00	4.1 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
10:00 – 10:30	4.2 Institutional provisions under the GPA: application of the WTO DSU	TBA
10:30 – 10:45	4.3 General discussion/key takeaways	

10:45 – 11:00 Break

SESSION 4b: Government procurement and the international trading system: the use of public private partnerships and framework agreements

Time	Subject	Speakers
11:00 – 11:35	4.4 Public-private partnerships: application of the GPA framework	Professor Sue Arrowsmith University of Nottingham School of Law
11:35 – 12:10	4.5 The role of framework agreements in modern procurement systems: issues of competition and transparency	Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School
12:10 – 12:30	4.6 General discussion/key takeaways	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Day 3 - Wednesday, 15 May 2019, Afternoon

SESSION 5: Evaluating the benefits of market opening in the government procurement sector: emerging new evidence, facts and figures

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:00 – 14:30	5.1 The benefits and costs of GPA accession: a holistic assessment	TBA
14:30 – 15:00	5.2 Buttressing the case for international public procurement: the role of data-driven policy making	Ms Zornitsa Kutlina-Dimitrova European Commission
15:00 – 15:20	5.3 General discussion/key takeaways	

15:20 – 15:40 Break

SESSION 6: Government procurement and the international trading system: market access commitments under the GPA and other approaches - breakout session

Time	Subject	Speakers
15:40 – 15:45	6.1 Introduction to the exercise	TBA WTO Secretariat
15:45 – 16:40	6.2 Breakout discussion	Participants
16:40 – 17:00	6.3 Feedback and main takeaways	

17:00 **Close for the Day**

Day 4 - Thursday, 16 May 2019, Morning

SESSION 7: Accession to the GPA: pros and cons, procedures, transitional measures, and strategic consideration for developing countries

Time	Subject	Speakers
09:30 – 09:55	7.1 Accession to the GPA: recent trends, process and procedures	TBA
09:55 – 10:20	7.2 The GPA transitional measures for developing countries: potential value as a toolkit in a sustainable development era and issues arising	TBA WTO Secretariat
10:20 – 10:45	7.3 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	7.4 General discussion/key takeaways	

11:00 – 11:15 **Break**

SESSION 8: Government procurement and regional integration: some experiences

Time	Subject	Speakers
11:15 – 11:45	8.1 The treatment of government procurement in bilateral and regional trade agreements	Mr Jianning Chen WTO Secretariat
11:45 – 12:15	8.2 Liberalisation of government procurement markets: a country experience	Participant intervention
12:15 – 12:30	8.3 General discussion/key takeaways	

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

Day 4 - Thursday, 16 May 2019, Afternoon

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

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
14:00 – 14:30	9.1 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
14:30 – 15:00	9.2 Measures to prevent collusive tendering: an important adjunct to a liberalized government procurement regime	TBA
15:00 – 15:30	9.3 Preventing corruption and fostering competition in public procurement markets: the role of international trade, electronic data availability and eCitizenship	Ms Anna Caroline Müller WTO Secretariat
15:30 – 15:45	9.4 General discussion/key takeaways	

15:45 – 16:00 Break

Dialogue with the Chairman, WTO Committee on Government Procurement

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
16:00 – 16:10	Address by the Chairman	Mr Carlos Vanderloo Chairman, Committee on Government Procurement
16:10 – 16:25	Q&A/General discussion	

SESSION 10a: GPA accession as a strategy for development, economic performance and trade integration: accessing benefits and costs, and related domestic policy implications – *breakout session*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
16:25 – 16:30	10.1 Introduction to the exercise	TBA WTO Secretariat
16:30 – 17:30	10.2 Breakout discussion	Participants
<i>Next day</i>	Feedback and main takeaways	

17:00 Close for the Day

Day 5 - Friday, 17 May 2019, Morning

SESSION 10b: GPA accession as a strategy for development, economic performance and trade integration: accessing benefits and costs, and related domestic policy implications – *breakout session – reporting and general discussion*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
09:30 – 09:50	10.3 Feedback reporting	Participants
09:50 – 10:00	10.4 General discussion and main takeaways	

SESSION 11a: 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>
10:00 – 10:20	11.1 e-Procurement and the GPA	TBA WTO Secretariat
10:20 – 10:40	11.2 The impact of e-procurement reforms on efficiency, transparency, accessibility of government procurement markets: a country experience	Participant intervention
10:40 – 10:55	11.3 General discussion/key takeaways	

10:55 – 11:10 Break

SESSION 11b: e-Procurement reforms and market liberalisation: recent country and international experiences and relevance of the open contracting standard, cont'd

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
11:10 – 11:40	11.4 How to benefit from Big Data: the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS)	TBC Open Contracting Partnership
11:40 – 12:10	11.5 E-Procurement reforms and GPA accession as a strategy for market liberalisation, economic reform and growth: practical insights from the work of EBRD	Ms Eliza Niewiadomska EBRD
12:10 – 12:30	11.6 General discussion/key takeaways	

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Day 5 - Friday, 17 May 2019, Afternoon

SESSION 12: 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	12.1 SMEs and sustainability in government procurement: the GPA Committee's work and role of the GPA	TBA WTO Secretariat
14:25 – 14:55	12.2 Sustainable public procurement, best value for money and international trade obligations: the GPA as a model agreement	Judge Marc Steiner Swiss Federal Administrative Court
14:55 – 15:25	12.3 Integrating SMEs in government procurement: results of an EBRD study (update)	Ms Eliza Niewiadomska EBRD
15:25 – 15:40	12.4 General discussion/key takeaways	

15:40 – 15:55 Break

SESSION 13: Concluding session

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
15:55 – 16:15	13.1 Individual review, evaluation and personal reflection	Participants
16:15 – 16:25	13.2 Concluding plenary: participants' feedback and any comments	Participants
16:25 – 16:40	13.3 Rapporteur's reflections	TBA
16:40 – 16:45	13.4 Closing remarks	Mr Reto Malacrida WTO Secretariat

16:45

CLOSE AND END OF SEMINAR



WTO APPLICATION FORM

ADVANCED GLOBAL WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
(in English, with simultaneous interpretation into French and Spanish)

GENEVA (Switzerland), 13-17 MAY 2019

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2019

PART I	To be completed by the Applicant in ENGLISH (in CAPITAL LETTERS if handwritten)
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MANDATORY: ALL THE INFORMATION ASKED IN THIS SECTION AND A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms
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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)
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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: Preference will be given to nominees having policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in trade and/or government procurement policy matters. The Organisers reserve the right to decline the candidature of nominees who do not meet these requirements and/or on the basis of the maximum number of funded participants.

Language skills: This activity will be delivered in English, with simultaneous interpretation into French and Spanish. Participants are required to have full command of one or more of these languages. 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 GP Workshop, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 13 to 17 May 2019; • confirms that the candidate has policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in trade and/or government procurement policy matters, has full command of English, French or Spanish and will be able to successfully and actively participate in the programme; and • 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 check your Schengen visa and transit visas requirements several weeks in advance. 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 MENTIONNED 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**