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

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE WTO AGREEMENT ON THE APPLICATION OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES (SPS AGREEMENT) FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIA AND CAUCASUS (CEECAC) COUNTRIES (in English *)

VIENNA – AUSTRIA

Face-to-face

1 to 3 July 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 SPS for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus (CEECAC) countries to be held in Vienna (Austria), from 1 to 3 July 2025.**

..... The Workshop, in the context of the WTO Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2024-2025 ([WT/COMTD/W/273](https://www.wto.org/Trade-Development/Technical-Assistance/2024-2025)) 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 enable participants from the Central and Eastern Europe, Central and the Caucasus (CEECAC) region to gain a good understanding of the WTO SPS Agreement, with an emphasis on the SPS transparency framework, the work of the WTO SPS Committee, and relevant work of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), and the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex). Participants will have an opportunity to discuss some of the challenges they experience in the implementation of the SPS Agreement. The workshop will also explore opportunities of SPS-related technical assistance for the CEECAC region, with the participation of the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

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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 SPS Agreement and those involved in trade policy.

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. Priority may be given to applicants for whom the training will be most relevant, and who have already undertaken the WTO E-Learning course on SPS. Areas of specialization of candidates and gender balance will also be taken into consideration to ensure a diverse pool of participants.

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 11 April 2025.**

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 L'ACCORD SUR LES MESURES SANITAIRES ET PHYTOSANITAIRES (MPS) pour la région ECOACC, du 1 au 3 juillet 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 MEDIDAS SANITARIAS Y FITOSANITARIAS (SPS) para la región ECOACC, del 1 al 3 de julio de 2025. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.*