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TRADE AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORKSHOP WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON PANDEMIC RESPONSE

ORGANIZED BY THE WTO SECRETARIAT IN CLOSE COLLABORATION
WITH THE WHO AND WIPO SECRETARIATS

Geneva, Switzerland, from 28 November to 2 December 2022.

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO), in close collaboration with the Secretariats of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), is organizing the 16th Trade and Public Health Workshop, which will have a Special Focus on Pandemic Response. The Workshop's theme and programme are based on the 2nd Edition of the WHO-WIPO-WTO Trilateral Study "Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation: Intersections between Public Health, Intellectual Property and Trade".

The Trade and Public Health Workshop is envisaged for public sector policymakers who already have an advanced understanding of issues at the intersection of trade, intellectual property (IP) and public health, and who have practical experience in policy processes in these fields. The overall objectives are to improve the capacity of policymakers to analyse policy choices; to enhance their capacity to address cross-sectoral issues; and to foster smooth domestic coordination between diverse agencies through a comprehensive understanding of overlapping policy issues with bearing on public health and their relationship with multilateral trade agreements. Participants will have ample opportunity to exchange views and experiences with each other, with WHO, WIPO and WTO experts, with representatives from other international organizations, as well as from industry and civil society, leading to strengthened and sustained professional and policy networks.

The programme combines presentations by experts from different areas, interactive debate, and case studies, as well as presentations on national experiences by selected participants. Given the range and complexity of topics to be covered, the daily schedule for this activity is intense and demanding. Participants will be asked to complete pre-course work and to engage in a full week of interactive sessions, which will require considerable preparation beforehand and exclusive focus during the week to achieve the expected benefits. An outline of the programme is enclosed.

To prepare for the Workshop, candidates are strongly encouraged to enrol for the [e-Learning Course DL-701E-DL701 Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation](#), by 30 September 2022. Please contact DL701e.academy@wipo.int for assistance regarding registration.

In case of questions regarding the Workshop, please contact the WTO Secretariat's Trade and Public Health Team (tph@wto.org).

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Invitation to Propose Candidates

WTO Members and Observers which are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities are invited to nominate up to three capital-based officials, from different government authorities or agencies, of which one could be possibly selected. The WTO will finance 30 participants (i.e., provision of a return economy-class ticket, terminal expenses, daily subsistence allowance, and accommodation for the duration of the activity). There is also scope for up to five additional applicants, including from developed Members, to participate in the workshop at their own expense.

To be considered for selection, nominees should possess the following qualifications and background:

- Direct responsibility for matters relating to the interaction between trade agreements, IP conventions and public health, whether from authorities responsible for foreign affairs, trade, IP, public health or from any other relevant government entity working on the interface between trade agreements and public health;
- Demonstrable expectation of continuing to work, or being assigned responsibilities, specifically in this field;
- Established expertise and experience in this area, and an advanced level of knowledge about trade law and policy, including, but not limited to, the WTO's TRIPS Agreement, and public health policy; and
- All-round proficiency in English, as the Workshop will be conducted in English only.

Application Process

The application process consists of the following steps:

1. Interested candidates need to complete and submit the online application form, which is available at https://wto.formstack.com/forms/2022_trade_and_public_health_workshop
2. The online application form requires uploading scanned copies of the candidate's passport and of an official nomination letter, duly signed and stamped by the competent government authority that is nominating the candidate. A template for the nomination letter is attached as Annex 1.
3. The application form, including the passport and nomination letter, should be submitted via the online application system **NO LATER THAN 30 SEPTEMBER 2022.**
4. Applications are to be validated by the Permanent Missions/Embassies to the WTO. Validations should be addressed by email to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (email: logistics.unit@wto.org) **NO LATER THAN 30 SEPTEMBER 2022.**

Please note that the complex preparations and logistical arrangements for this activity mean that the WTO Secretariat cannot consider any applications received after that date or without the validation by the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO.

Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. Relevant administrative information, travel details and economic-class ticket will be sent after the selection has taken place. Advance reading material will be made available to enable selected participants to prepare for the activity.

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 Atelier sur le commerce et la santé publique, qui aura lieu à Genève, du 28 novembre au 2 décembre 2022. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature sont distribués en anglais uniquement.

La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza un Taller sobre Comercio y Salud Pública, que tendrá lugar en Ginebra, del 28 de noviembre al 2 de diciembre de 2022. Este curso será impartido en inglés; por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura están disponibles únicamente en inglés.

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ANNEX 1

TEMPLATE FOR NOMINATION LETTER TO BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND STAMPED BY THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY NOMINATING THE CANDIDATE

The Government of:	[include name of WTO Member or Observer]
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Officially nominates [name of candidate] to participate in the Trade and Public Health Workshop, scheduled to take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 28 November to 2 December 2022 and hereby confirms that the candidate has:

- policy responsibility and/or background in trade, intellectual property and/or public health matters;
- demonstrable expectation of continuing to work, or being assigned responsibilities, specifically in this field;
- full command of English and capacity to actively participate throughout the programme; and
- awareness that this nomination is subject to the decisions of the Selection Committee and to the conditions described in the conditions to participate in WTO technical assistance activities.

The Government of [Member/Observer] requests WTO financing for this candidate:

YES

NO

Details of the Government Official responsible for nominating this candidate:

Name	
Family Name	
Current Post	
Government Authority	
Telephone	
Email address	

By signing this form, the Nominating Authority certifies that all the information included is complete and correct.

Date	Signature	Stamp
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Geneva, from 28 November to 2 December 2022.
Centre William Rappard, Room E

Monday, 28 November 2022.

8:30 – 9:00	<i>Registration of Participants</i>
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Session
9:15 – 10:00	Technical Refresher: Health
10:00 – 10:45	Technical Refresher: Trade
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:45	Technical Refresher: Intellectual Property
12:45 – 12:30	Economics of Health Technologies – Innovation, Manufacturing, Distribution and Deployment
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 15:00	The Intellectual Property System as Determinant for Innovation in Health Technologies: Practical Insights into Implementing and Managing IPRs
15:00 – 15:15	Discussion
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Break</i>
15:45 – 16:45	Case Study
16:45 – 17:00	Discussion

Tuesday, 29 November 2022

9:00 – 09:45	Health-System-Related Determinants Related to Access
09:45 – 10:00	Discussion
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Break</i>
10:15 – 11:00	Using the IP System and its Policy Options to Further Global Access to Health Technologies
11:00 – 11:15	Discussion
11:15 – 12:00	Patent Landscape of COVID-19 Health Technologies
12:15 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 -15:00	Case study
15:00 – 15:15	Discussion
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Break</i>

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Tuesday, 29 November 2022	
15:45 – 16:45	Panel Discussion: Private Sector and Civil Society Perspectives on Innovation of and Access to Medical Technologies
16:45 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00 – 17:30	Selected Country Experiences

Wednesday, 30 November 2022	
9:00 – 09:45	Trade in Goods: Trends in Trade of Public Health Products and Other Trade-Related Access Determinants - Tariffs and Non-Tariff Measures and Experiences during the Pandemic
9:45 – 10:00	Discussion
10:00 – 10:30	Selected country experiences
<i>10:30 – 10:45</i>	<i>Break</i>
10:45 – 11:30	Trade in Services: Trends in Health Services and other related sectors and Experiences during the Pandemic
11:30 – 11:45	Discussion
11:45 – 12:30	Case Study
<i>12:30 – 13:30</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 14:15	Procurement Rules and Practices, Pooled Procurement and Experiences during the Pandemic
14:15 – 14:30	Discussion
14:30 – 15:15	Competition Policy
15:15 – 15:30	Discussion
<i>15:30 – 15:45</i>	<i>Break</i>
15:45 – 17:00	Case Study

Thursday, 1 December 2022	
08:00	<i>Bus departs from Hotel</i>
09:00 – 11:30	Field Visit: COVID-19 and the Medical Technologies Industry
<i>12:30 – 13:30</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Health-related Provisions in Regional Trade Agreements
14:30 – 14:45	Discussion
14:45 – 15:30	Protection of Clinical Trial Data – Policy, Legal and Economic Aspects
15:45 – 16:00	Discussion
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Break</i>
16:15 – 17:15	Break out Session on Anti-Microbial Resistance: a "Silent Pandemic"

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Thursday, 1 December 2022

17:15 – 17:30	<i>Discussion</i>
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Friday, 2 December 2022

9:00 – 10:30	Approval, Quality Control and Effectiveness of Medical Technologies
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Discussion</i>
10:35 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:30 – 12:15	How to fight Substandard, Falsified, Counterfeit Medical Products: Tools and Experiences
12:15 – 12:30	<i>Discussion</i>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 15:30	Case Study
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Discussion</i>
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	Roundtable Discussion: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic with Speakers from International Organizations, Private Sector, Civil Society
17:30 – 18:00	Evaluation and Closing Remarks