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SPS TRANSPARENCY CHAMPIONS COURSE (in English)

Geneva, 30 September to 11 October 2024

Invitation to present candidates

As presented at the March 2024 SPS Committee meeting and via document [G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.14](#), the WTO Secretariat is organizing an SPS Transparency Champions Course (in English). It will comprise training in Geneva from 30 September to 11 October 2024, the implementation of an action plan in participants' countries/territories, and a Follow-up Session in Geneva in April/June 2025 (to be confirmed).

COURSE OBJECTIVE

The 2024 SPS Transparency Champions Course will be comprised of sessions and activities related to the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement as well as the [ePing SPS&TBT Platform](#). It will offer selected government officials an opportunity to gain comprehensive knowledge and practical skills to implement as well as benefit from the WTO's SPS transparency framework. At the time of their application for this course, candidates will be asked to provide preliminary ideas for an action plan aimed at improving the SPS transparency framework in their countries/territories.

INVITATION TO PROPOSE CANDIDATES & CANDIDATE PROFILE

The Governments of Members and Observers to the WTO, which are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to submit the names of **up to two officials** meeting the requirements set out below, for consideration in the selection process.

Candidates must be government officials holding direct responsibilities in the implementation of the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement, particularly from National Notification Authorities (NNAs) and/or Enquiry Points (NEPs); possess an understanding of the provisions and structure of the WTO, and the principles and provisions of the SPS Agreement; be highly motivated to scale up the transparency framework in their countries/territories; be endorsed and supported by their respective Ministry; and fluent in oral and written English.

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Candidates are also strongly encouraged to complete the WTO SPS e-Learning Course by the time of their application (see Section 1 of document [G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.14](#) regarding enrolment in the e-Learning Course). In addition, candidates must be government officials at the time of applying for the course and during the course.

Candidates will be selected using criteria such as the fulfilment of pre-requisites, prior selection of other candidates from the technical assistance beneficiary, as well as balance among the selected candidates in terms of region and gender.

A passport photocopy and one-page CV must be attached to the application.

COSTS COVERED FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

The Secretariat of the WTO makes available twenty-five (25) fellowships for this activity. Each fellowship covers the following: a round trip airplane ticket in economy class; daily subsistence allowance; a terminal expenses allowance; and accommodation in Geneva for the duration of the course.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

..... The attached Application Form must be returned, completed and signed by the eligible candidate as well as by the nominating national authority which presents the candidate, via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO, **NO LATER THAN 21 JUNE 2024**.

Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. Additional 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 or other reasons that render the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

***FRANÇAIS/ESPAÑOL**

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise le Cours des champions de la transparence SPS à Genève, du 30 septembre au 11 octobre 2024. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature sont distribués en anglais uniquement.

La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza el Curso de Campeones de la Transparencia MSF en Ginebra, del 30 de septiembre al 11 de octubre de 2024. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.