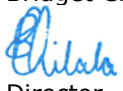





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17TH SESSION OF THE TRADE AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORKSHOP

GENEVA, FROM 6 TO 10 NOVEMBER 2023

Invitation to Submit Candidatures

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 17th Session of the Trade and Public Health Workshop to be held in Geneva, from 6 to 10 November 2023.

The Workshop's content is multidisciplinary and 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 overall objectives of the Workshop are to improve the capacity of government officials to analyse policy choices, address multidisciplinary issues, and foster smooth domestic coordination through a comprehensive understanding of overlapping policy issues with bearing on public health and their relationship with WTO Agreements. There will be a specific focus on the challenges faced and the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Workshop will take place in English and combine lectures by experts, interactive debates, and practical case studies, as well as presentations on comparative 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. An outline of the programme is enclosed.

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The Workshop is intended for a global audience from government officials working on trade, intellectual property, and public health issues, and fosters collaborative linkages and coordination between officials working in these three areas of policy responsibility. WTO Members and Observers, eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are cordially invited to submit up to three nominations of capital-based officials, from different government authorities or agencies, of which one could be possibly selected. The WTO Secretariat has a provision to finance 30 participants (i.e., a return economy-class ticket, terminal expenses, daily subsistence allowance, and accommodation for the duration of the activity).

Further details on the Workshop, as well as the profile of potential candidates and the application process, are provided below. In case of questions regarding the Workshop, please contact the WTO Secretariat's Trade and Public Health Team at: tph@wto.org.

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Trade and Public Health Workshop - Application Process

Who should apply?	<p>Government officials with relevant experience¹ in trade and public health and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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;• Demonstrable expectation of continuing to work, or being assigned responsibilities, specifically in this field;• 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. <p>Interested candidates are strongly encouraged to register for and complete the WIPO Distance Learning Course 701 "Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation".</p>
Application form:	<p>Interested candidates need to complete and submit the online application form, which is available at https://wto.formstack.com/forms/2023_trade_and_public_health_workshop</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 25 JULY 2023.</p>
Deadline:	<p>The complete application, including the form with the passport and nomination letter, and the validation by the respective Mission/Embassy should be submitted via the online application system NO LATER THAN 25 JULY 2023.</p> <p>Due to the complex preparations and logistical arrangements for this activity, the WTO Secretariat is not in a position to consider any applications received after the deadline or incomplete ones.</p>
Selection of participants:	<p>Selected participants will receive confirmation directly by email. Relevant administrative information, travel details and economy-class tickets will be sent after the selection has taken place.</p> <p>Advance reading material will be made available to enable selected participants to prepare for the activity.</p>

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 renders 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 6 au 10 novembre 2023. 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 6 al 10 de noviembre de 2023. Este curso será impartido en inglés; por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura están disponibles únicamente en inglés.

¹ At least 10 years of experience working on issues of trade and public health.

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 17th Trade and Public Health Workshop, scheduled to take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 6 to 10 November 2023 and hereby confirms that the candidate has:

- 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;
- Demonstrable expectation of continuing to work, or being assigned responsibilities, specifically in this field;
- Established expertise and relevant experience² in trade and public health, 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.

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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Important: The deadline to submit applications is 25 July 2023.

² At least 10 years of experience working on issues of trade and public health.