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## **World Trade Organization (WTO) – Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)**

### **Regional Workshop on Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus (CEECAC) countries**

***Vienna – Austria***

***Face-to-face Regional Workshop***

***28-30 SEPTEMBER 2022***

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 Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus (CEECAC) countries** to be held in **Vienna (Austria), from 28 to 30 September 2022.**

The Workshop, in the context of the WTO Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2022-2023 (WT/COMTD/W/260/Rev.1) 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 bring together officials from the CEECAC region who are responsible for the implementation of the WTO TBT Agreement. The Workshop will focus on the following areas: the key principles of the TBT Agreement; on-going work in the TBT Committee; the transparency framework; international standards; and quality infrastructure. The Workshop will provide a forum to share national and regional experiences in the implementation of the Agreement, including in the respect of national and regional coordination on TBT matters.

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 TBT Agreement, such as enquiry point officials, regulators and those involved in trade policy.

The Workshop will be conducted in **English.**

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### ***CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS***

The WTO Secretariat will conduct a selection process to fill the **30 available spaces** for the Workshop. 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. At equal level of competence, preference will be given to applicants for whom the training will be most relevant, and who have already undertaken the WTO E-Learning course on TBT – or equivalent training provided by another competent international organization (further information available on: <https://wtolearning.csod.com/>). Alternatively however, applicants may also show commensurate knowledge or professional experience.

### ***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](mailto:logistics.unit@wto.org)) **at the latest by 05 August 2022.**

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.

### ***INFORMATION COVID 19***

Kindly be informed that in order to minimize the risks to all stakeholders involved in JVI events, all participants are required to provide proof of either up-to-date vaccination against COVID-19 or recent recovery from the disease before travelling to Vienna. Additional information will be provided, in due course, to selected 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.

Yours sincerely,