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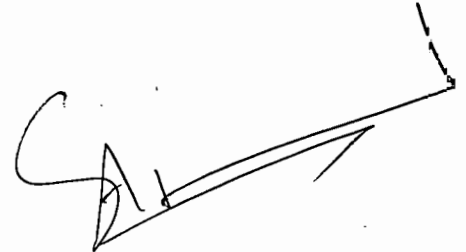
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SUBJECT: **WTO TRADE AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORKSHOP FROM 30 SEPTEMBER TO 4 OCTOBER 2024 GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Invitation, along with its enclosures, received from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the WTO, Geneva, Switzerland, on the above-mentioned subject for placing on the website of the Ministry of Commerce. Please note that the Workshop is for senior officers.

2. Interested/relevant who fulfill the eligibility criteria may send their nominations, duly approved by their respective Head(s) of the Department / Head(s) of the Wing(s) to WTO-II Section (along with application forms, C.Vs, valid passport copies, undertaking and details of availed Foreign Training/Workshops) latest by 10th July 2024 positively. Nominations received after the deadline will not be entertained. The policy for short-term and long-term foreign training and a sample of the undertaking are enclosed.

Encl: **As Above**



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	Antony Taubman  Director Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division	Pages:	Three
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TRADE AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORKSHOP

Geneva, Switzerland, from 30 September to 4 October 2024.

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 a Workshop on Trade and Public Health. It is scheduled to take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 30 September to 4 October 2024. The Workshop will take place in English.

The Workshop's content is multidisciplinary and follows the approach of 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: (i) analyze policies related to trade and public health and their implications for innovation and access to health technologies; (ii) effectively implement health-related provisions in WTO Agreements; and, (iii) create inter-disciplinary networks of colleagues working on trade and public health issues.

The programme combines lectures by experts, interactive debates, and practical case studies, as well as presentations on national experiences by selected participants. Given the range and complexity of topics to be covered, the schedule for this activity is intense and demanding.

The Workshop is intended for senior 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 public policy. WTO Members and Observers eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are cordially invited to submit up to four nominations of capital-based officials, from different government authorities or agencies, of which one could be possibly selected. The WTO has 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). Other administrative arrangements shall be communicated directly to the selected participants by the WTO in due course. Selected participants will receive confirmation directly from the WTO.

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

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Trade and Public Health Workshop: Information on the Application Process

Who should apply?	<p>Senior government officials with relevant experience in trade and public health and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A minimum of five years of direct responsibility for matters relating to the interaction between trade agreements, IP conventions, and public health, whether agencies 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• Full command of English, as the Workshop will require active participation in group work, discussion, and drafting.
Application form:	<p>Interested candidates need to submit the online application form, available at: https://wto.formstack.com/forms/2024_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. 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) <u>NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 19 JULY 2024.</u></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 <u>NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 19 JULY 2024.</u></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 a confirmation email directly from the WTO. Relevant administrative information, travel details, and economy-class tickets will be sent after the selected participant has confirmed her/his participation.</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.

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 Workshop on Trade and Public Health, scheduled to take place in Geneva, from 30 September to 4 October 2024 and hereby confirms that the candidate has:

- A minimum of five years of 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 experience 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 English¹.

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 Friday, 19 July 2024.

¹ The WTO reserves its right to randomly check during the selection process if the eligibility criteria of some of the applicants are met.

Policy for Short and Long Term Foreign Trainings

Types of Trainings:-

- **Short Term Trainings:**
The trainings upto 02 months
- **Long Term Trainings:**
The trainings more than 02 months and upto 02 years.

Eligibility:-

- In case of short term courses, regular officers (BS-17 to 19) working in the Ministry and attached department for last 01 years.
- In case of long term courses, regular officers (BS-18 & 19) working in the Ministry attached department for last 02 years.

Ineligibility:-

- In case of short term courses, the officers who have availed the training during last 01 year.
- In case of long term courses, the officers who have undergone/availed the training during last 03 years.

Timeline for finalization of nominations:- *

Display on website of MoC on receipt of training program by fixing deadline for receiving nominations from applicants.	10-12 days before the last date given by the training organization
Compilation of nomination received after recommendations of concerned head of the wing and submission of the file for approval to SJS (HRM)	10 days before deadline
Submission of cases to office of the Additional Secretary	08 days before deadline
Submission of cases to office of the Secretary	05 days before deadline

* The time lines may vary, depending upon the time of receipt/schedule of trainings by the training organization

General Instructions:-

- i. Heads of Wing will ensure equal opportunities & eligibility criteria before forwarding / recommending the nominations.
- ii. Only trainings which are pertinent to working of Ministry of Commerce will be offered.
- iii. Relevant officers may preferably be nominated for the specific courses.

Government of Pakistan
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

CIRCULAR


No. F. 1(2)/2019-CTG

Islamabad, the 7th December, 2022

Subject: FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS / FOREIGN TRAININGS / SELF FUNDED FOREIGN EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR BS-17 OFFICERS OF COMMERCE AND TRADE GROUP

With reference to above, it has been decided that henceforth:-

- i. No BS-17 officer shall apply for foreign scholarships / foreign trainings / self-funded foreign education,
 - ii. No consecutive tenures of posting abroad, deputation and a foreign scholarship shall be allowed,
 - iii. In case of more than one applications against any foreign training/course, preference shall be accorded as per alignment of the course with job description of CTG officers and ranking of the universities,
 - iv. There shall be a gap of minimum five (05) years between availing two consecutive foreign scholarships / foreign trainings (1 year or more) / self-funded foreign education,
 - v. NOCs already issued by this Ministry with approval of Competent Authority, in respect of BS-17 officers, shall remain valid.
2. All heads of Attached Departments and Autonomous Bodies are requested to ensure compliance to above instructions while sending cases of foreign scholarships / foreign trainings / self-funded education.
3. This issues with the approval of Secretary Commerce.


(Sabiha Parveen)
Section Officer (CTG)

Distribution:-

1. Secretary, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, Karachi.
2. Director General, Pakistan Institute of Trade & Development, Islamabad.
3. Director General, Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan, Islamabad
4. Director General, Directorate General of Trade Organization, Islamabad.
5. Executive Director General, Trade Dispute Resolution Organization, Islamabad.
6. Section Officer (HR-I), Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
7. Section Officer (AOs-HR), Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.

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**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE**



No. 5(1)/2022-Admn-I/HR-I

Islamabad, the 18th April, 2022

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SUBJECT: - REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR PROCESSING OF 'NOC' FOR APPLYING/AVAILING FOREIGN TRAININGS / SCHOLARSHIPS.

All cases of NOC for applying/ availing foreign trainings /scholarships should be accompanied by the duly filled attached proformas. All Attached Organizations and Autonomous Bodies should also ensure process of subject cases through said documents:

NOC to apply	
Sr. No.	Required Documents
1.	Forwarding letter of Ministry / Division / Department / Provincial Governments
2.	Request of the officer
3.	CV including details of pervious foreign training, if any.
4.	Copy of advertisement (mentioned deadline for submission of online application)
NOC to avail	
1.	Forwarding letter of Ministry / Division / Department / Provincial Governments
2.	Request of the officer
3.	Copy of application form duly filled in for scholarship
4.	Final award letter / terms and conditions of scholarship
5.	Surety bond (Specimen is attached)
6.	Undertaking (Specimen is attached)
7.	Revised 'T' form (Specimen is attached)


(Dr. Beenish Noor)
Deputy Director (HR-I)

Distribution:

All Officers of the Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
All Attached Organizations of Ministry of Commerce.

Copy for information:

Database Administrator, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad with the request to upload the same on the Ministry's official website for information of all the concerned

UNDERTAKING

I, [Your Name], hereby sign this understanding that if the WTO Secretariat does not select me for the training on [Name of the Training] and I wish to file a complaint for not being selected, I will do so by filing the complaint with the Ministry of Commerce or the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the WTO in the first instance.

[Signature]

[Your Name]
[Designation]
[Organisation]