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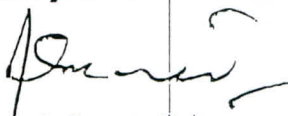
**Workshop on Trade and Public Health, 11-15 November 2019 - Geneva, Switzerland**

The WTO Secretariat together with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has invited nominations from policymakers who have practical understanding on aspects of trade, IP and health and also have continuing responsibilities on trade, IP policy options that relate to public health matters for the above training program to be held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Geneva, Switzerland (a copy of the related documents received from the WTO Secretariat is sent herewith for more details).

Applicants to this training course must complete and submit the online application form **by 14 June 2019** via [https://wto.formstack.com/forms/2019\\_trade\\_and\\_public\\_health\\_workshop](https://wto.formstack.com/forms/2019_trade_and_public_health_workshop)

Administration and logistical information will be sent to the selected applicants in due course.

Since the government nominations are to be validated by the Permanent Mission, it is appreciated that if you could nominate a suitable officer to attend the above workshop with a copy to us.

  
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Acting Director General of Commerce

\* *Informed of extension of application deadline till June 30<sup>th</sup>*

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## TRADE AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORKSHOP

**GENEVA, 11-15 NOVEMBER 2019**

The WTO Secretariat, in close collaboration with the Secretariats of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), is organizing the 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Trade and Public Health, scheduled to take place in Geneva from 11 to 15 November 2019. The Workshop builds on a series of annual Workshops on Intellectual Property and Public Health that had been organized by the WTO Secretariat since 2005. It will follow the approach developed in the WHO-WIPO-WTO Trilateral Study "Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation: Intersections between Public Health, Intellectual Property and Trade" (available on [https://www.wto.org/english/rosc/publications\\_e/who-wipo-wto\\_2013\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/rosc/publications_e/who-wipo-wto_2013_e.htm)).

### The Workshop

The Workshop aims to improve the capacity of policymakers to analyse policy choices at the intersection between trade, intellectual property (IP) and public health; to enhance the capacity to address cross-sectoral issues; and to foster smooth domestic coordination. The overall objective is to develop a comprehensive understanding of overlapping policy issues with bearing on public health and encourage the analysis of their relationship with multilateral trade agreements. The programme will on innovation and access to medical technologies, as well as wider trade and health-related policy issues.

The activity is envisaged for policymakers who already have a high-level practical understanding of some aspects of trade, IP and health policy, and who have continuing responsibilities for assessing and implementing trade and IP policy options that relate to public health matters. Participants will be guided by experts to strengthen several practical skills: assessing policy options; analysing and implementing trade agreements; accessing and using related information; and, streamlining trade and health policy into domestic legislative and institutional frameworks. 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.

..... An outline of the programme is enclosed. Given the range and complexity of topics to be covered, the daily schedule for this activity is remarkably intense and demanding. Participants will be asked to engage in a full week of interactive sessions, which will require considerable preparation beforehand and exclusive focus during the week's programme to achieve the expected benefits.



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**Invitation to Propose Candidates**

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

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

- Direct responsibility for matters relating to the interaction between trade agreements and public health, whether from authorities responsible for foreign affairs, trade, IP, public health or from other relevant government entity working on the interface between trade agreements and public health;
- Definite expectation of continuing to work, or being assigned responsibilities, specifically in this field;
- Established expertise and experience in this area, and a good level of knowledge about trade law and policy, including, but not limited to, the WTO's TRIPS Agreement, and public health policy;
- Successful completion of online or face-to-face training activities delivered by the WHO, WIPO and/or the WTO on the subjects of the Workshop; and
- All-round proficiency in English, as the Workshop will be delivered in English.

**The Application Process**

The application process consists of the following steps:

1. Interested candidates need to duly complete and submit the online application form, which is available at [https://wto.formstack.com/forms/2019\\_trade\\_and\\_public\\_health\\_workshop](https://wto.formstack.com/forms/2019_trade_and_public_health_workshop).
2. The online application form requires uploading a scanned copy of the passport and of the official nomination letter, signed and stamped by the competent government authority that is nominating the candidate. A template for such a letter to be signed and stamped by the national authority can be found annexed to this invitation letter.
3. The application form, including the passport and nomination letter, should be submitted via the online application system **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 14 JUNE 2019.**
4. Applications are to be validated by the Permanent Missions/Embassies to the WTO. Validations should be addressed by fax or email to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (Fax No: +41 22 739 5724; Email: [logistics.unit@wto.org](mailto:logistics.unit@wto.org)) **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 14 JUNE 2019.**

Please note that the complex substantive preparations and logistical arrangements for this activity mean that the WTO Secretariat cannot consider any applications received after that date, nor any applications not validated 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.

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel the activity if sufficient funding cannot be secured in time, or in the event of any other circumstances beyond its control.

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**Preparations for the Workshop**

Advance reading material will be made available online to enable selected participants to prepare for the Workshop. They will also be required to submit, in advance of the activity, a brief report on the state of play of policy development regarding issues at the crossroad between trade and public health in their country. This report should cover, in particular, the public health situation, any specific policies or strategies developed to address public health needs, the relevant legislative framework, including the regulatory framework and the implementation and use of flexibilities in the IP system, as well as any relevant experiences. It should also identify and elaborate on a particular topical area of current policy discussion and activity in their country. This preparatory work, ideally assembled in close coordination with key domestic stakeholders, is important to ensure that substantive input can be provided for discussions at the Workshop. Selected participants will be invited to present on their reports to the workshop, so as further to promote interactivity, open discussions and a practical focus on contemporary policy challenges.

**For Further Information**

Please contact our colleagues, Mr Roger Kampf ([roger.kampf@wto.org](mailto:roger.kampf@wto.org)) and Ms Josefita Pardo de Leon ([josefita.pardodeleon@wto.org](mailto:josefita.pardodeleon@wto.org)), if you need any further details.

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**ANNEX 1**

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

The [Ministry/Directorate/National Office] of [Member/Observer] officially nominates [name of candidate] to participate in the Trade and Public Health Workshop, scheduled to take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 11 to 15 November 2019 and hereby confirms that: (i) the candidate has policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in trade and/or government procurement policy matters; (ii) has full command of English and will be able to successfully and actively participate in the programme; and is fully aware that this nomination is subject to the decisions of the WTO 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 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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## TRADE AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORKSHOP

Organized by the WTO Secretariat  
in collaboration with the Secretariats of WHO and WIPO

Geneva, 11-15 November 2019

Venue: Room E, Centre William Rappard

The Workshop will review the system of multilateral trade agreements as part of the wider action to address public health needs. The programme will focus on innovation and access to medical technologies. It will cover: public health determinants; the IP system; pricing and procurement policies; competition policy and rules; tariffs, quotas and licensing; health services; and regulatory issues, including approval, quality control and effectiveness of medicines, the protection of clinical trial data under the TRIPS Agreement, and health-related measures in the TBT and SPS Committees.

Specific sessions dedicated cross-cutting themes linking trade agreements to topical issues: Antimicrobial Resistance; and Impact of and Access to Medical Technologies. Exercises and case studies will require participants to examine key thematic issues that involve: the consideration of industrial policy, including local production of medicines and technology transfer; the use of IP flexibilities to procure medicines; the application of competition policy; and the addressing specific trade concerns regarding TBT/SPS measures.

Special attention will be given to the topic "Effectively Using Special Compulsory Licences for Export as a Procurement Tool for Medicines". Since the entry into force of the Protocol Amending the TRIPS Agreement, in January 2017, this public health flexibility is an integral part of the TRIPS Agreement. The Workshop will look at how best to effectively use this tool, as well as the practical options for securing access to affordable medicines.

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## Monday, 11 November 2019

8:30 - 9:00	Registration of Participants
9:00 - 9:45	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Remarks</li> <li>Introduction of Participants</li> </ul>
9:45 - 10:15	Break
<b>Theme I: Setting the Scene</b>	
10:15 - 11:30	<b>Roundtable Discussion: Mapping the Interface between Health, Trade and Intellectual Property</b>
11:30 - 12:15	<b>Economics of Medical Technologies: Innovation and Access</b>
12:15 - 12:30	Discussion
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
<b>Theme II: The Innovation Dimension</b>	
13:30 - 15:00	<b>The Intellectual Property System as Determinant for Innovation in the Pharmaceutical Sector: Implementing and Managing IPRs</b>
15:00 - 15:15	Discussion
15:15 - 15:45	Break
15:45 - 16:45	<b>Models for Collaboration: Public-Private Partnerships for Innovation and Access and Industry Partnerships</b>
16:45 - 17:00	Discussion
17:00 - 18:00	<b>Breakout Session on Anti-Microbial Resistance: How to Foster Innovation, Access and Appropriate Use of Antibiotics</b>

## Tuesday, 12 November 2019

<b>Theme III: The Access Dimension</b>	
9:00 - 09:45	<b>The Public Health Context: Overview of Determinants Related to Access</b>
09:45 - 10:00	Discussion
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:30	<b>Using the IP System and its Policy Options to Further Global Access to Health Technologies</b>
11:30 - 11:45	Discussion
11:45 - 12:15	<b>The Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health and the TRIPS Amendment: Creating Legal Avenues for Access to Medicines</b>
12:15 - 12:30	Discussion
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Selected Country Experiences - Presentations by Participants</b>
14:30 - 15:45	<b>Case Study: Pharmaceutical Industry Policy, Local Production of Medicines, Access, Strategies and Technology Transfer</b>



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## Tuesday, 12 November 2019

15:15 - 16:15	Break
16:15 - 16:45	Mapping Patents in Supply Countries
16:45 - 17:00	Discussion
17:00 - 17:15	Introduction to Case Study: Medicines - Innovation & Access

## Wednesday, 13 November 2019

## Theme IV: Making Effective Use of Special Compulsory Licences for Export

9:00 - 10:00	<b>The Paragraph 6 System:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background</li> <li>• Practical Steps to Put the System to Work</li> <li>• Implementing Measures taken by WTO Members</li> </ul>
10:00 - 11:30 Room E and Z	<b>Case Study: Medicines - Innovation &amp; Access (Patent Task Force and TRIPS Amendment Task Force)</b>
11:30 - 12:00	Break
12:00 - 12:20	<b>Implementing the System at the Regional Level</b>
12:20 - 12:40	<b>Engaging in the Production of Generic Medicines under the System</b>
12:40 - 13:00	Discussion
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:00	<b>Panel Discussion: How to Enhance Synergies between Public Health Objectives and Trade Agreements: Industry and Civil Society Perspective</b>
15:00 - 15:30	Break
	<b>Theme V: The Trade Dimension</b>
15:30 - 16:30	<b>Trends in Trade of Public Health Products and Other Trade-Related Access Determinants: Tariffs and Non-Tariff Measures</b>
16:30 - 16:45	Discussion
16:45 - 17:45	<b>Trade in Health Services</b>
17:45 - 18:00	Discussion



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**Thursday, 14 November 2019**

08:00	<i>Bus departs from Hotel</i>
09:00 - 11:30	<b>Visit to a Medical Technologies Company</b>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Procurement Rules and Practices</b>
14:30 - 14:45	<i>Discussion</i>
14:45 - 15:45	<b>Health-Related Provisions In Regional Trade Agreements</b>
15:45 - 16:00	<i>Discussion</i>
16:00 - 16:30	<i>Break</i>
16:30 - 18:00	<b>Breakout Session on Impact of and Access to Medical Technologies</b>

**Friday, 15 November 2019**

	<b>Theme IV: The Regulatory Dimension</b>
9:00 - 10:00	<b>Competition Policy and Rules</b>
10:00 - 11:00	<b>Case Study: Medicines - Innovation &amp; Access (Procurement Task Force and Competition Policy Task Force)</b>
Room E and Z	
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Break</i>
11:30 - 12:15	<b>Approval, Quality Control and Effectiveness of Medicines, including Falsified and Substandard, as well as Counterfeit Medicines</b>
12:15 - 12:30	<i>Discussion</i>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 - 14:15	<b>Protection of Clinical Trial Data - Policy, Legal and Economic Aspects</b>
14:15 - 14:30	<i>Discussion</i>
14:30 - 15:00	<b>Selected Country Experiences - Presentations by Participants</b>
15:00 - 15:45	<b>Standards, Health Regulation and Trade</b>
15:45 - 16:00	<i>Discussion</i>
16:00 - 16:30	<i>Break</i>
16:30 - 17:30	<b>Case Study</b>
17:30 - 18:00	<b>Evaluation and Closing Remarks</b>