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ADVANCED GLOBAL WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

PROMOTING TRADE, GOOD GOVERNANCE AND INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT: THE REVISED WTO AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GPA)
AS A FACILITATOR *

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PROGRAMME (PROVISIONAL) †

Day 1 – Monday, 20 November 2017

09:00 Registration and security procedures

09:30 Official Opening of the Workshop

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speaker</u> |
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| 09.30 – 09.45 | Keynote Address | Mr Xiaozhun Yi Deputy Director General, WTO |

SESSION 1a: The significance of government procurement for trade, shared prosperity, development and economic reform

Chair ...

09:45 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|--|--|
| 09:50 – 10:20 | 1.1 The revised GPA: global context, core disciplines, trade dimension and policy considerations for developing and transition economies | Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat |
| 10:20 – 10:50 | 1.2 Government procurement, good governance and economic reforms: the pathway to development | Prof Alina Mungiu-Pippidi Hertie School of Governance |
| 10:50 – 11:05 | 1.3 General discussion/key takeaways | |

11:05 – 11:30 Break

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SESSION 1b: Inclusive, sustainable development: the revised GPA as a facilitator

Chair ...

11:30 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|--|--|
| 11:35 – 12:00 | 1.4 Promoting local industry development, value for money, and good governance in government procurement activities: the new Procurement Framework of the AfDB and relevance of GPA principles | Mr Frank Mvula African Development Bank (tbc) |
| 12:00 – 12:25 | 1.5 Infrastructure provision in the Asia-Pacific region: procurement as a tool to link suppliers to markets and foster economic development | Speaker from Asian Development Bank |
| 12:25 – 12:45 | 1.6 Infrastructure provision and regional integration in Africa: relevance of GPA principles and significance for the SDGs | Mr Kodjo Osei-Lah WTO Secretariat |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | 1.7 General discussion/key takeaways | |

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

SESSION 2a: Increasing policy coherence internationally: synergies and complementarities between the revised GPA and other international instruments

Chair ...

14:30 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|--|--|
| 14:35 – 15:00 | 2.1 Work of the World Bank on government procurement: the new Procurement Framework and synergies and complementarities with the revised GPA | Speaker from World Bank |
| 15:00 – 15:25 | 2.2 Domestic reforms and regional integration in action: the work of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) | Jan Jackholt EBRD (tbc) |
| 15:25 – 15:50 | 2.3 Government procurement and governance reforms in Latin America: a regional perspective | Speaker from Inter-American Development Bank |
| 15:50 – 16:10 | 2.4 General discussion/key takeaways | |

16.10 - 16.35 Break

SESSION 2b: Increasing policy coherence internationally: synergies and complementarities between the revised GPA and other international instruments, *contd*

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
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| 16:35 – 17:00 | 2.5 The 2015 OECD Recommendation on Public Procurement: synergies and complementarities with the GPA | Mr János Bertok OECD Secretariat (tbc) |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | 2.6 General discussion/key takeaways | |

Day 2 - Tuesday, 21 November 2017

SESSION 3a: The GPA as a pillar of the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations

Chair ...

09:30 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|---|---|
| 09:35 – 10:20 | 3.1 The GPA as backbone of open and transparent procurement systems: rules and principles, some examples of successful implementation, and some issues for the future | Professor Sue Arrowsmith Achilles Professor of Public Procurement Law and Policy, University of Nottingham |
| 10:20 – 10:45 | 3.2 The unique role and design features of the GPA | Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat |
| 10:45 – 11:05 | 3.3 General discussion/key takeaways | |

11:05 – 11:30 Break

SESSION 3b: The GPA as a pillar of the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations, *contd*

Chair ...

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|--|---|
| 11:30 – 11:45 | 3.4 Domestic review procedures: GPA requirements | Ms Anna Caroline Müller WTO Secretariat |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | 3.5 Domestic review procedures – the EU Remedies Directive: insights and lessons from implementation | Professor Sue Arrowsmith Achilles Professor of Public Procurement Law and Policy, The University of Nottingham |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | 3.6 Domestic review procedures – country experiences: insights and lessons from the United States | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | 3.7 General discussion/key takeaways | |

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

SESSION 3c: The GPA as a pillar of the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations, *contd*

Chair ...

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 14:30 – 15:00 | 3.8 Institutional provisions under the GPA: application of the WTO DSU | Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | 3.9 General discussion/key takeaways | |

SESSION 4: The use of public-private partnerships and framework agreements: implications for the WTO framework

Chair ...

15.15 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|--|---|
| 15:20 - 15:50 | 4.1 Transparency and value for money in public-private partnerships: implications for trade, development and the GPA | Professor Sue Arrowsmith Achilles Professor of Public Procurement Law and Policy, The University of Nottingham |
| 15:50– 16:10 | 4.2 The role of framework agreements in modern procurement systems: issues of competition and transparency | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |

16:10 - 16.35 Break

SESSION 5: The GPA as a pillar of the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations - *breakout session*

Chair ...

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 16.35 – 16.40 | 5.1 Introduction to the exercise | Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat |
| 16:40 - 17:30 | 5.2 Breakout discussion | Participants interventions |
| 17:30 – 17:45 | 5.3 Feedback and main takeaways | |

Day 3 - Wednesday, 22 November 2017

SESSION 6a: Accession to the GPA: pros and cons, process and procedures and recent experiences

Chair ...

09:30 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|---|--|
| 09:35 – 10:00 | 6.1 Accession to the GPA: recent trends, benefits and challenges and process and procedures | Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | 6.2 Market access opportunities under the revised GPA and scope and coverage of the Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of the e-GPA tool as a market access information resource | Mr Philippe Pelletier WTO Secretariat |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | 6.3 General discussion/key takeaways | |

11:00 – 11:25 Break

SESSION 6b: Accession to the GPA, contd: synergies with regional trade agreements, flexibilities for developing countries, and policy considerations for transition and developing economies

Chair ...

11:25 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|---|---|
| 11:30 – 11:50 | 6.4 Accession to the GPA: special and differential treatment for developing countries | Ms Anna Caroline Müller WTO Secretariat |
| 11:50 – 12:15 | 6.5 Government procurement provisions in RTAs: relevance of GPA principles and value added of GPA accession | Mr Jianning Chen WTO Secretariat |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | 6.6 Policy and strategic considerations for developing and transition economies | Prof Steven Schooner, George Washington University Law School |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | 6.7 General discussion/key takeaways | |

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

SESSION 7a: Preventing corruption and supplier collusion, and promoting competition in public procurement markets

Chair ...

14.30 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|--|--|
| 14:35 - 15:05 | 7.1 Government procurement and corruption control: lessons from international experience | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |
| 15:05 - 15:35 | 7.2 Measures to prevent collusive tendering: an important adjunct to a liberalized government procurement regime | Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat |
| 15:35 - 16:00 | 7.3 General discussion/key takeaways | |

16:00 - 16.25 Break

SESSION 7b: Controlling corruption and collusion in public health procurement markets – breakout session

Chair ...

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 16:25 - 16:35 | 7.4 Introduction to the exercise | Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat |
| 16:35 - 17:30 | 7.5 Breakout discussion | Participants |
| 17:30 - 17:45 | 7.6 Feedback and main takeaways | |

Day 4 - Thursday, 23 November 2017

SESSION 8: Envisioning the GPA of the future: facilitating the participation of SMEs in government procurement markets

Chair Mr Robert Anderson, WTO Secretariat

09:30 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|---|--|
| 09:40 - 10:05 | 8.1 The UNCITRAL Model law, procurement reform and SMEs in government procurement | Ms Caroline Nicholas UNCITRAL |
| 10:05 - 10:30 | 8.2 Promoting SME participation in public procurement markets: lessons from US experience | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |
| 10:30 - 10:55 | 8.3 Integrating SMEs in government procurement: results of an EBRD study | Ms Eliza Niewiadomska EBRD |
| 10:55 - 11:10 | 8.4 General discussion/key takeaways | |

11:10 - 11:35 Break

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SESSION 9: Sustainability in public procurement: issues for developed and developing countries

Chair Mr Robert Anderson, WTO Secretariat

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|--|---|
| 11:35 – 11:55 | 9.1 Key takeaways from the 2017 WTO GPA Symposium on Sustainable Procurement | Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat |
| 11:55 – 12:20 | 9.2 Sustainable public procurement, best value for money and international trade obligations: the GPA as a model agreement | Judge Marc Steiner Swiss Federal Administrative Court (tbc) |
| 12:20 – 12:45 | 9.3 The integration of Women-Owned Businesses in procurement markets as part of sustainable procurement: the role of electronic procurement tools and work of the International Trade Centre | Ms Vanessa Erogbogbo International Trade Centre |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | 9.4 General discussion/key takeaways | |

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

SESSION 10: Tracking the impact of procurement: statistical data and economic evidence

Chair Mr Robert Anderson, WTO Secretariat

14.30 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|---|---|
| 14:35 - 15:00 | 10.1 Legal standards and open data: international best practices on data transparency based on the UNCITRAL Model Law | Ms Caroline Nicholas UNCITRAL Ms Eliza Niewiadomska EBRD |
| 15:05 – 15:30 | 10.2 Buttressing the case for international public procurement: the role of data-driven policy making | Ms Zornitsa Kutlina-Dimitrova, European Commission |
| 15:30 – 15:55 | 10.3 The Open Contracting Data Standard and its use in monitoring procurement outcomes: a country example | Mr Gavin Hayman Open Contracting Partnership |
| 15:55 - 16:10 | 10.4 General discussion/key takeaways | |

16:10 - 16.35 Break

SESSION 11: Envisioning the GPA of tomorrow – *breakout session*

Chair Mr Robert Anderson, WTO Secretariat

16.35 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
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| 16:40 - 17:30 | 11.1 General discussion and main takeaways for the day | Participants |

Day 5 - Friday, 24 November 2017

SESSION 12a: Improving transparency and value for money and facilitating trade in government procurement markets: the role of e-Procurement

Chair ...

09:30 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|---|---|
| 09:35 – 09:55 | 12.1 e-Procurement and the GPA | Ms Anna Caroline Müller WTO Secretariat |
| 09:55 – 10:25 | 12.2 e-Procurement reforms as a GPA accession strategy: experience and insights from a recently acceded GPA Party | Speaker from [Ukraine] / [the Republic of Moldova] |
| 10:25 – 10:55 | 12.3 Improving transparency, efficiency and value for money through e-Government Procurement and e-Governance systems: work of the World Bank | Speaker from World Bank |
| 10:55 – 11:10 | 12.4 General discussion/key takeaways | |

11:10 – 11:35 Break

SESSION 12b: Catalysing and consolidating procurement reforms: the role of e-Procurement systems

Chair ...

11.35 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|---|--|
| 11:40 – 12:10 | 12.5 Regional integration through e-procurement: recent developments from the Asia-Pacific region | Speaker from the Asian Development Bank |
| 12:10 – 12:40 | 12.6 Boosting trade and inclusive sustainable development in Africa: the role of government procurement including use of eGP systems, building on the GPA/e-GPA model | Mr Kodjo Osei-Lah WTO Secretariat |
| 12:40 – 13:00 | 12.7 General discussion/key takeaways | |

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

SESSION 13: Institution and human capacity building in the government procurement sector

Chair ...

14.30 Chairman's introductory remarks

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|---|--|
| 14:35 – 15:00 | 13.1 Institution and human capacity building in the government procurement sector: implications for international cooperation | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | 13.2 General discussion/key takeaways | |

SESSION 14: Concluding session

Chair ...

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speakers</u> |
|---------------|--|--|
| 15:15 - 15:45 | 14.1 Concluding plenary, participants' feedback and any comments | Participants |
| 15:45 – 15:55 | 14.2 Rapporteur's reflections | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |
| 15:55 - 16:00 | 14.3 Closing remarks | WTO Secretariat |

16:00 CLOSE
