

Permanent Mission of Montenegro
to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
Ministry of Economy of Montenegro
Public Procurement Administration of Montenegro

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Dear Sirs,

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization, with the financial assistance of the Doha Development Agenda Trust Fund and in collaboration with the Government of Republic of Moldova, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the EBRD) and the United Nations Development Programme (the UNDP) is organizing a **Regional Workshop on Government Procurement for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus (CEEAC) countries**, to be held in **Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, from 22 to 25 October 2018 (WT/COMTD/W/227/Rev.1)**.

The Workshop has as its purpose to provide a forum for trade and procurement officials to exchange information and experiences on policy and related issues in the government procurement sector, and to consider their implications for trade and local market development.

The theme of the Workshop is: "*Government procurement and international trade: impact on inclusive economic growth, regional development, and policy considerations for transition and emerging economies.*" A dedicated session is envisaged to discuss use of digital public procurement tools and explore benefits of open data in public procurement for governments, business and civil society. Please find a provisional agenda included in the attachment for your reference.

The main objectives of this programme are: (i) to familiarize participants with WTO activities related to government procurement, notably as they relate to trade, governance and economic performance; (ii) to elaborate on the benefits and challenges associated with accession to and implementation of the Agreement and the procedures and modalities to be followed, in addition to related policy issues; and (iii) to discuss international and regional standards, developments and trends in the area of government procurement. A draft programme is attached.

The Workshop will be held in English, and participants are required to be fluent in English. It is anticipated, however, that interpretation into Romanian and Russian will be provided courtesy of the EBRD GPA Technical Cooperation Facility.

Funded participating governments are invited to nominate four qualified officials and up to two participants per country will be selected and financed to participate in the workshop. The officials should have policy responsibility in relation to WTO and/or government procurement matters. They should include officials from your government's Economy Ministry as well as from its Public Procurement Administration responsible for government procurement matters.

Preference will be given to nominees having policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in trade and/or government procurement policy matters. The Secretariat reserves the right to decline the candidature of nominees that do not meet these requirements.



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The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel the activity in the event of overriding circumstances beyond its control.

The nominees are kindly requested to complete and send the attached registration form(s), together with a short résumé and a copy of the passport valid at least until 30 March 2019. Kindly specify clearly in capital letters the full name, position, complete address, mobile number and e-mail address of your nominee(s). The completed registration form(s) and the résumés, should be returned **via the Permanent Mission / Embassy to the WTO, no later than 28 September 2018, with a copy by email to the EBRD GPA Technical Cooperation Facility: gpafacility@ebrd.com** to facilitate logistics arrangements.

Participants will be required to contribute to the workshop by providing comments on their national experiences, and should come prepared accordingly.

On behalf of Workshop organisers,

Yours faithfully,



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