



WTO OMC

ADVANCED GLOBAL E-WORKSHOP ON THE PLURILATERAL WTO AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GPA)

7, 10 AND 14 DECEMBER¹

DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 1: THE MAIN FEATURES AND FLEXIBILITIES OF THE GPA, AND GPA IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Opening		
Welcome and introduction to the programme of the E- Workshop	Mr Reto Malacrida IPD	5-10

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1.1 Introduction to the GPA: objectives, covered procurement, key principles and features	Mr Robert Anderson, University of Nottingham	30
Domestic GPA implementation		
1.2 The 2014 UNCITRAL Model Law as a useful guide to implementing the GPA domestically	Ms Caroline Nicholas, UNCITRAL	30
1.3 Built-in GPA flexibilities for covered procurement: procurement methods, time-periods, exceptions, awarding of contracts	IPD	30
1.4 Case study on built-in flexibilities: the operation of the GPA in situations of extreme urgency (COVID-19)	Professor Sue Arrowsmith, University of Nottingham	30
Plurilateral GPA administration		
1.5 The regular work of the Committee on Government Procurement: a conversation with the incumbent Chair	Mr Carlos Vanderloo, Chair of the Committee on Government Procurement	20
Participants' input		
1.6 Participants' opinion survey	Participants	
1.7 Breakout session		
1.8 Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours		

¹ These are the dates on which pre-recorded presentations will be uploaded to the platform. Participants will be notified in case a recording cannot be uploaded as planned due to unforeseen circumstances.

DAY 2: THE DELIBERATIVE FUNCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE AND ACCESSION TO THE GPA PART I (THE WTO LEVEL)

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Plurilateral GPA deliberations: The Government Procurement Committee's Work Programmes		
2.1 Currently active GPA Work Programmes: Small-and-medium-sized enterprises, statistical data, and sustainable procurement	IPD	20
GPA accession: Requirements and procedures, preparation for coverage negotiations, and transitional measures for developing countries		
2.2 Accession to the GPA: observer status in the Committee, recent trends, requirements and procedures	IPD	30
2.3 GPA coverage negotiations and the e-GPA system as a negotiating aid (https://e-gpa.wto.org)	IPD	30
2.4 GPA transitional measures for developing countries:	IPD	20
Participants' input		
2.5 Participants' opinion survey	Participants	
2.6 Results of the breakout session	Participants report back in a live format	
2.7 Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours		

DAY 3: ACCESSION TO THE GPA PART II (THE DOMESTIC LEVEL) AND OUTLOOK

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>Duration</u>
GPA accession: Seeing the opportunities and building support		
3.1(a) GPA accession as a catalyst for internal government procurement reform: examples from the CEECAC region	Ms Eliza Niewiadomska, EBRD	30
3.1(b) [Optional] The GPA as a tool for fighting corruption: first empirical insights	Ms Nadezhda Sporysheva UNECE	30
3.2 Building domestic support for GPA accession: a Brazilian perspective	[Representative of the Mission of Brazil to WTO/capital-based delegate from Brazil OR Cesar Pereira]	30
3.3 Evidence-based trade policy-making: towards more and better economic data on international government procurement	[Ms Zornitsa Kutlina-Dimitrova, EU Commission]	30
3.4 Measuring the economic impacts of acceding to the GPA: analytical approach and initial results	[Mr Mihaly Fazekas, Central European University]	30

Outlook: The current international regulatory and policy landscape			
3.5	Current trends in international government procurement regulation and policy	Professor Steven Schooner, George Washington University	30
Participants' input			
3.6	Participants' opinion survey	Participants	
3.7	Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours		

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Conclusion		
Closing remarks	Mr Tony Taubman, Director, IPD	5-10
Seminar evaluation form	Participants	
