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PROGRAMME (FINAL V1.8)

This Workshop on the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) is being organized for the benefit of participants from a selected group of countries, namely: (i) Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus (CEEAC) countries; (ii) other WTO members or observers that have recently acceded to or are actively pursuing their accession to the GPA; and (iii) other members undertaking domestic reforms relevant to the Agreement.¹

The main purposes of this Workshop are: (i) to enhance awareness of implementation and related obligations under the revised Agreement, and build capacity for their fulfilment at national level; (ii) to provide practical exposure to work in the Committee relating to the implementation and administration of the Agreement, including with regard to the new Work Programmes; and (iii) to facilitate policy dialogue on government procurement issues across the CEEAC region. The Workshop will also provide an opportunity for participants to exchange views and perspectives on relevant developments at the regional level.

Currently, twenty-nine WTO Members have observer status in the Committee on Government Procurement², of which ten have applied for accession to the Agreement: Albania, Australia, China, Georgia, Jordan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Oman, Tajikistan and Ukraine. A further five WTO Members have undertaken commitments regarding accession to the Agreement: Mongolia, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The Workshop will be held in English only.

¹ Participation in this programme is without prejudice to the views or position of any government on the GPA or the issue of government procurement in the WTO.

² For the current list of WTO Members who are Observers in the Committee on Government Procurement, visit: https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/memobs_e.htm.

Day 1, Tuesday, 15 September 2015, Morning – Room S1

08.30 REGISTRATION

09:00 Welcoming remarks: Mr. Robert Anderson, Team Leader, Government Procurement and Competition Policy, WTO Secretariat

SESSION 1: Notification and implementation obligations under the revised GPA: overview and use of electronic tools for their potential fulfilment

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09.20 - 09.40	1.1 Overview of notification and implementation obligations under the revised GPA	Ms Anna Müller WTO Secretariat
09.40 - 10.00	1.2 Transitioning to a digital platform: state of play in the implementation of the WTO e-GPA project and significance as a market access information resource	Mr Kodjo Osei-Lah WTO Secretariat
10.00 - 10.30	1.3 Reform of e-procurement systems at the national level and their role in fulfilling GPA obligations: the experience of Armenia	Mr Eriks Mezalis EBRD GPA TC Facility
10.30 - 10.50	1.4 General discussion	

10.50 - 11.10 Break

SESSION 2: Accession to the GPA: country experiences

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
11.10 - 11.50	2.1 Accession to the GPA: the case of Ukraine	Mr Maksym Nefyodov Deputy Minister Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ukraine
11.50 - 12.30	2.2 Accession to the GPA: the case of Moldova	Ms Dorina Harcenco EBRD GPA TC Facility
12.30 - 13.00	2.3 General discussion	

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch break

Day 1, Tuesday, 15 September 2015, Afternoon – Room S1

SESSION 3: The revised GPA: notifications and related requirements

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14.30 - 15.00	3.1 Modifications to coverage: requirements under the revised GPA and potential role of e-GPA in managing the process	Mr Philippe Pelletier WTO Secretariat
15.00 - 15.30	3.2 Statistics and other notifications: requirements under the revised GPA and potential future role of e-GPA in fulfilling obligations	Mr Jianning Chen WTO Secretariat
15.30 - 16.00	3.3 General discussion	

16.00 - 16.20 Break

SESSION 4: The revised GPA: implementation of the new Work Programmes

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
16.20 - 16.50	4.1 The new Work Programmes under the revised GPA: overview and state of play with implementation	Ms Anna Müller WTO Secretariat
16.50 - 17.20	4.2 e-GPA as a market access information resource tool: researching coverage and procurement opportunities <i><u>practical exercise</u></i>	Participants Facilitators: Mr Kodjo Osei-Lah and Mr Philippe Pelletier, WTO Secretariat
17.20 - 17.45	4.3 General discussion	

SESSION 5: Concluding session

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
17.45 - 18.00	5.1 Plenary evaluation	Participants
	5.2 Concluding remarks	Mr. Kodjo Osei-Lah WTO Secretariat
18.00	Close for the day	

Day 2, Wednesday, 16 September 2015, Morning

SESSION 6A: Committee Sessions

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09.00 - 09.30 Room E	6.1 Pre-meeting briefing on issues under discussion in the Committee	Ms Anna Müller, WTO Secretariat
10.00 - 13.00 Room W	6.2 Discussions in the Committee: Accessions, Implementation, New Work Programmes, etc.	Committee session

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

Day 2, Wednesday, 16 September 2015, Morning

SESSION 6B: Committee Sessions

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
15.00 - 18.00 Room W	6.3 Discussions in the Committee: Accessions, Implementation, Future Work Programmes, etc., <i><u>contd</u></i>	Committee session
18.00	Close	