

**GPA WORKSHOP**

**GENEVA, 15-16 SEPTEMBER 2015**

# **The WTO's e-GPA Project**

**Enhancing the Transparency and  
Accessibility of GPA Market  
Access Information**

by

**Kodjo Osei-Lah**

**WTO Secretariat**

**15 September 2015**

## e-GPA: Objectives

- **Create an integrated database of GPA coverage data to serve as a market access information resource**
  - for use by governments, businesses and other interested parties
- **Create a seamless online digital tool for notifications, statistical reports and related data in support of an enhanced information provision service**
- **Better publicize the commercial opportunities available under the Agreement**
  - thus foster interest in and accessions to the Agreement
- **Synergise with an integrated database of trade measures across the WTO (via i-TIP)**

## e-GPA: Expected Benefits

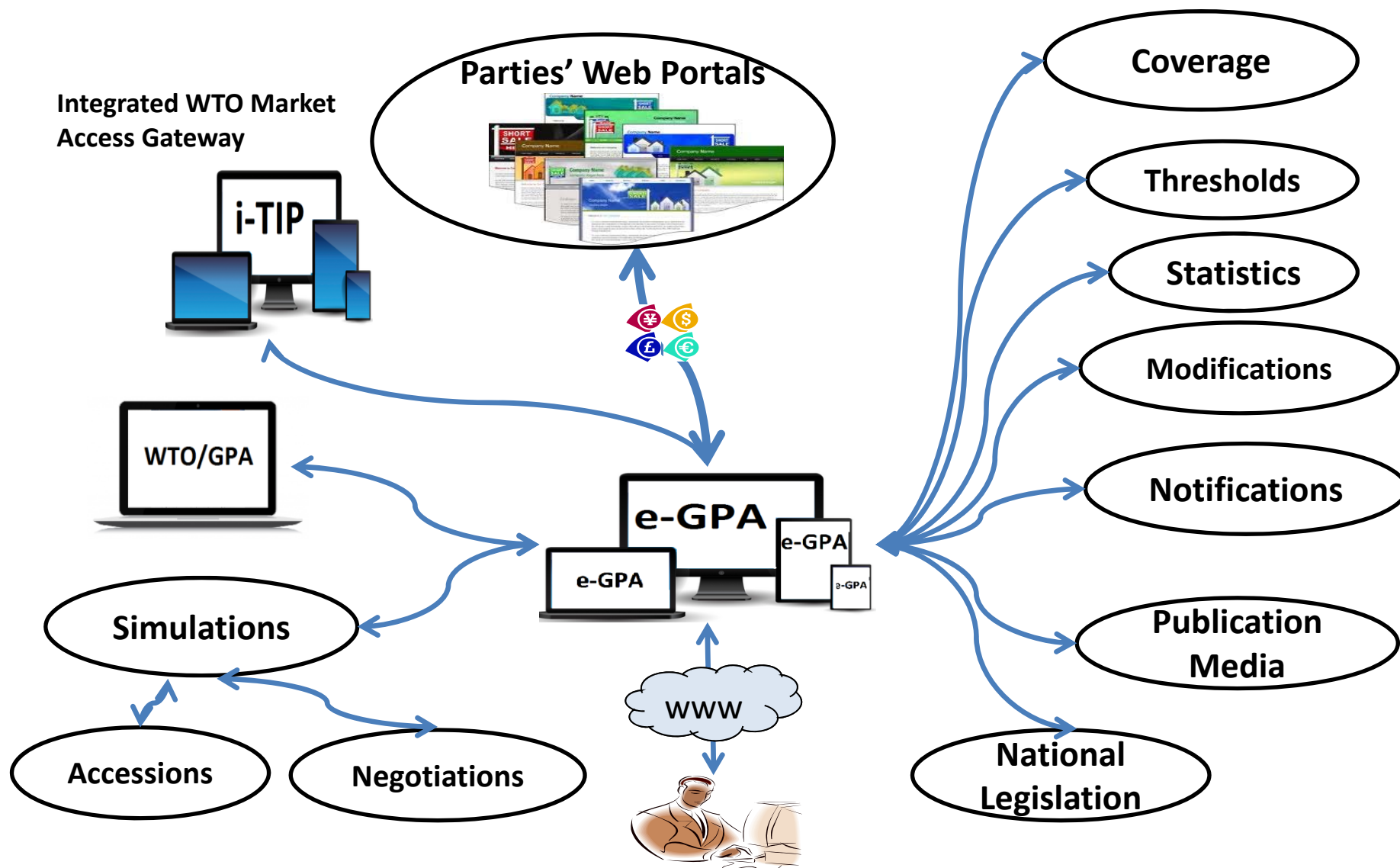
### ○ Improved service to Members

- enhanced **transparency and accessibility of** market access (MA) **information**
- enhanced **visibility of** the size and extent of **MA opportunities**
- efficient access to **information on commercial opportunities**
- provide a rich **resource for policy analysis**, e.g.
  - accession to the Agreement; future negotiations; technical assistance

### ○ Improved productivity

- foster a more **efficient administration of the Agreement**
- **synergy/linkage with** horizontal, **integrated database of trade measures** across the WTO (via i-TIP)

# WTO e-GPA portal: schematic illustration




# Main Project Elements

- **Multi-modular approach, phased implementation**
- **Phase I – development and implementation of**
  - core web-based application; core modules encompassing:
    - coverage (market access), thresholds, nomenclatures
- **Phase II – additional modules and enhancements**
  - modifications, notifications, advanced search functions
- **Future phases**
  - further modules, more advanced functions
    - statistics, enhancements to notifications
    - digital submissions, more external linkages
    - advanced modules: simulations (for accessions/negotiations)
    - Web services, further enhanced reporting, analytics

# e-GPA Phase I

en/Help/QuickAccess

Integrated Government Procur... Integrated Government Procur... Quick Access

 WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Integrated Government Procurement Market Access Information (e-GPA) Portal

Français | Español

## Improving the transparency and accessibility of GPA market access information

**Welcome to the integrated Government Procurement Market Access Information Resource (e-GPA)** portal of the WTO. This portal provides a single point of access to the market access information under the [Revised Agreement on Government Procurement](#) (GPA), together with related information that the [GPA Parties](#) are committed to provide. It offers improved transparency and user-friendly accessibility to the relevant information.

The revised GPA amends the 1994 GPA signed at Marrakesh in April 1994 and which entered into force on 1 January 1996. For more information about the 1994 Agreement, click [here](#). The Parties for whom the revised Agreement has entered into force are: Canada; the European Union; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; Israel; Japan; Liechtenstein; the Netherlands with respect to Aruba; Norway; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; and the United States. Subsequently, it will enter into force for the remaining three Parties (i.e. Armenia, Korea, and Switzerland) on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of deposit of their respective instrument of acceptance.

### Current state of the e-GPA

This site currently contains coverage information under the revised GPA. Additional content will be added from time to time. [Show more/less...](#)

#### Browse

This module provides simple access to the revised coverage commitments of the Parties to the Agreement. [Show more/less...](#)

#### Thresholds

This module provides information on the thresholds in Appendix I of the GPA. [Show more/less...](#)

#### Generate an output reflecting the results of your query

This module allows the creation of output on any aspect of GPA coverage of the selected Party or Parties in several formats (i.e. PDF, Word, Excel, TIFF, CSV, MHTML and XML).

© World Trade Organization 2015  
[Contact Us](#)  
[Disclaimer](#)



# e-GPA Portal (Phase II) - preview

The screenshot shows a web browser window with two tabs: "Government Procurement Agr..." and "Integrated Government Pro...". The page header features the World Trade Organization logo on the left, the title "Integrated Government Procurement Market Access Information (e-GPA) Portal" in the center, and language options "Français | Español" and a "Oseilah" link on the right. A navigation bar below the header contains links for "Home", "Parties", "GPA Coverage", "Other Information", "Assistance", and "Administration". The main content area is titled "Improving the transparency and accessibility of GPA market access information". It includes a welcome message: "Welcome to the integrated Government Procurement Market Access Information Resource (e-GPA) portal of the WTO. This portal provides a single point of access to the market access information under the Revised Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA), together with related information that the GPA Parties are committed to provide. It offers improved transparency and user-friendly accessibility to the relevant information." Below this, a paragraph states: "The revised GPA entered into force on 6 April 2014. It amends the 1994 GPA signed at Marrakesh in April 1994 and which entered into force on 1 January 1996." At the bottom, there are five blue buttons arranged in two rows: "Browse", "Search", "Thresholds" in the top row, and "Publication Media", "Modifications", and "Generate an output reflecting the results of your query" in the bottom row.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Integrated Government Procurement Market Access Information (e-GPA) Portal

Français | Español

Oseilah

Home Parties GPA Coverage Other Information Assistance Administration

**Improving the transparency and accessibility of GPA market access information**

**Welcome to the integrated Government Procurement Market Access Information Resource (e-GPA)** portal of the WTO. This portal provides a single point of access to the market access information under the [Revised Agreement on Government Procurement](#) (GPA), together with related information that the [GPA Parties](#) are committed to provide. It offers improved transparency and user-friendly accessibility to the relevant information.

The revised GPA entered into force on 6 April 2014. It amends the [1994 GPA](#) signed at Marrakesh in April 1994 and which entered into force on 1 January 1996.

Browse Search Thresholds

Publication Media Modifications

Generate an output reflecting the results of your query

# Quick Demo

- **Quick demo: current site**
  - <https://e-gpa.wto.org/>
  - <https://e-gpa.wto.org/en/Help/QuickAccess>



# The WTO e-GPA Portal

## Service to Members

*Providing enhanced transparency and accessibility to GPA market access information as an improvement of service to Members*

**Thank you**

**Kodjo OSEI-LAH**  
**WTO Secretariat**  
**([kodjo.osei-lah@wto.org](mailto:kodjo.osei-lah@wto.org))**