

**NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE
AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GPA) 2012**

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

3-6 November 2026

DRAFT PROGRAMME

This Workshop is organized by the WTO Secretariat in cooperation with the government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

It aims at facilitating the participants' understanding of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) 2012 of the main elements, the principles and benefits of the Agreement (Part I). Particular importance will be attached to the Kyrgyz Republic's pending GPA accession process, its state-of-play, the remaining difficulties and options for advancing the negotiations (Part II).

At the end of the Workshop, the participants will have improved their knowledge and practical skills to meaningfully drive forward the Kyrgyz Republic's ongoing GPA accession process.

The Workshop will be held in English, with interpretation and translation of workshop materials into Russian provided by the EBRD.

Day 1, Tuesday, 3 November 2026

08:30 Registration and welcome coffee

SESSION 1: Opening remarks and participant introduction

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:15	1.1 Opening remarks	Representative of The Kyrgyz Republic WTO Secretariat Representative of the EBRD
09:15 – 09:30	1.2 Participant introductions and objectives	Participants

PART I: INTRODUCTION TO THE GPA 2012

SESSION 2: Introduction to the GPA 2012: Main substantive and procedural commitments and built-in flexibilities

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:30 – 10:00	2.1 Introduction to the GPA 2012: The global policy context, objectives, key principles and policy considerations for developing countries	WTO Secretariat
10:00 – 10:30	2.2 The GPA 2012: Main substantive and procedural commitments and built-in flexibilities (Walk-through of the text of the GPA 2012)	WTO Secretariat
10:30 – 10:40	Q&A	

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10:40 – 11:00 Break

SESSION 3: Scope and coverage of the GPA 2012

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
11:00 – 11:45	3.1 Market access opportunities under, and scope and coverage of, the GPA 2012, and use of the e-GPA tool (https://e-gpa.wto.org)	WTO Secretariat
11:45 – 12:00	Q&A	

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break

SESSION 4: The GPA 2012 as a good governance tool

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
13:30 – 14:00	4.1 Promoting competition and fighting collusion in the domestic government procurement market: More/better value for money	WTO Secretariat

14:00 – 14:30	4.2 Enhancing integrity in the domestic government procurement market: The GPA 2012 as a tool for fighting corruption	WTO Secretariat
14:30 – 14:40	Q&A	

14:40 – 15:00 Break

SESSION 5: Domestic review procedures under the GPA 2012 and best practices

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
15:00 – 15:25	5.1 Domestic review procedures: requirements of the GPA 2012	WTO Secretariat
15:25 – 15:55	5.2 Domestic review procedures: how to implement best international practices	EBRD
15:55 – 16:05	Q&A	

SESSION 6: E-procurement

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
16:05 – 16:25	6.1 The Kyrgyz Republic's E-procurement System	The Kyrgyz Republic
16:25 – 16:45	6.2 E-procurement and open data under the GPA 2012	WTO Secretariat
16:45 – 17:20	6.3 E-procurement and open data: work of the EBRD	EBRD
17:20 – 17:30	Q&A	

17:30 Close

Day 2, Wednesday, 4 November 2026

SESSION 7: The GPA 2012: Its rules and their application - Exercise

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 10:00	7.1 Group exercise on the GPA 2012 rules and their application – Breakout session	Workshop participants
10:00 – 10:30	7.2 Group exercise on the GPA 2012 rules and their application – Plenary discussion	Workshop participants WTO Secretariat

10:30 – 10:50 Break

SESSION 8: Accession to the GPA 2012: Benefits, challenges and process

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
10:50 – 11:20	8.1 Accession to the GPA 2012: Benefits and challenges	WTO Secretariat
11:20 – 11:50	8.2 Accession to the GPA 2012: recent trends and overview of the key steps	WTO Secretariat
11:50 – 12:35	8.3 Transitional measures and deferred application of GPA provisions: Overview and operation of Article V of the GPA 2012	WTO Secretariat
12:35 – 12:45	Q&A	

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch Break

PART II: THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC'S ACCESSION PROCESS

SESSION 9: History of the Kyrgyz Republic's accession negotiations

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:15 – 14:30	9.1 The accession process up until now: initiation, timeline and documents circulated	WTO Secretariat

SESSION 10: The Kyrgyz Republic's government procurement law and the GPA 2012

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:30 – 15:00	10.1 The government procurement regime in the Kyrgyz Republic: overview over the latest revised government procurement law with specific reference to its alignment with the GPA 2012	The Kyrgyz Republic
15:00 – 15:15	10.2 Latest exchanges between GPA Parties and the Kyrgyz Republic in the Committee on Government Procurement (CGP)	WTO Secretariat

15:15 – 15:35 Break

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
15:35 – 16:30	10.3 Roundtable discussions in participant groups about the Kyrgyz Republic's revised government procurement law and its alignment with GPA 2012 requirements – Breakout session	Workshop participants
16:30 – 17:05	10.4 Roundtable discussions in participant groups about the Kyrgyz Republic's revised government procurement law and its alignment with GPA 2012 requirements – Plenary discussion	Workshop participants WTO Secretariat

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SESSION 11: The GPA 2012 and FTAs

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00– 09:30	11.1 The GPA 2012 and its relationship with bilateral and plurilateral free trade agreements (FTAs): Special focus on the Eurasian Economic Union Treaty (EAEUT)	WTO Secretariat
09:30 – 09:45	Q&A	

Session 12: The Kyrgyz Republic's revised final Market Access Offer

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:45– 10:15	12.1 Comparison between the revised final Market Access Offer and the previous Market Access Offer	WTO Secretariat
10:15 – 10:45	12.2 GPA Parties' comments on the revised final Market Access Offer and their request for a further revised final Market Access Offer	WTO Secretariat

10:45 – 11:05 Break

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
11:05 – 12:05	12.3 Roundtable discussions in participant groups about possible options for a further revised final Market Access Offer – Introductory remarks followed by breakout session	Workshop participants
12:05 – 12:50	12.4 Roundtable discussions in participant groups about possible options for a further revised final Market Access Offer – Plenary session	Workshop participants WTO Secretariat

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12:50 – 14:20 Lunch Break

SESSION 13: Moving the accession negotiation forward

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:20– 14:35	13.1 Practical next steps in the Kyrgyz Republic and at the WTO in Geneva	Workshop participants WTO Secretariat

SESSION 14: EBRD (TBD)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:35 – 15:20	14.1 TBD	EBRD

SESSION 15: Closing session

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
15:20 – 15:40	15.1 Main take-aways from the Workshop and Q&A	WTO Secretariat and workshop participants
15:40 – 16:00	15.2 Participants' evaluation of the Workshop, feedback and comments	WTO Secretariat and workshop participants
16:00 – 16:15	15.3 Closing remarks	Representative of The Kyrgyz Republic, WTO Secretariat

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Day 4, Friday, 6 November 2026

Small group meetings of the WTO Secretariat and the EBRD with selected representatives of the Kyrgyz Republic (e.g. representatives of the core negotiating team, representatives of certain Ministries, etc.)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Participants</u>
9:00 – 17:00	After the general three-day training, rather than adding a fourth day of training for all participants, it may be productive to plan a few small-group meetings with selected representatives of the Kyrgyz Republic to discuss specific aspects of the GPA accession. This could be with the negotiating team, representatives of specific Ministries or other procuring entities, representatives of other branches of Government or their staff, etc. The Kyrgyz Republic would be best placed to determine with which representatives small-group meetings would be most useful.	TBD