



**To:** Deputy Director-General Zhang  
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**Date:** 27/10/2022  
**Ref:** RTPC-French-speaking  
African Region  
**cc:** Jorge Castro  
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Aime Murigande  
**Subject: Selection of Partner to host the Regional Trade Policy Course (RTPC) for the French-speaking African region**

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1.1. The RTPC Selection Committee met on 14 October to consider the proposals received of eligible Members from the French-speaking African Countries interested in hosting the next RTPC for WTO Members and Observers from this region. The meeting was attended by Ms Bridget Chilala, Mr John Adank and Mr Willy Alfaro. Also present at the meeting were Mr Jorge Castro (Chief of section), Ms Françoise Guei (Trainer, RTPC Unit) and Mr Aime Murigande (Head of desk).

1.2. The Committee considered each of the proposals received by assessing the following criteria: quality and completeness of the proposal; type of institution and of the partnership proposed; appropriateness of the RTPC academic and administrative team; quality of the training infrastructure and facilities; and overall costs.

1.3. The Selection Committee noted that Cameroon, Mali, Senegal and Togo had previously applied to host the RTPC for the region, in 2020 for Cameroon and in 2016 for the three last countries.

1.4. Based on these criteria and the information contained in each proposal the Selection Committee shortlisted three proposals:

- a. Institut des Relations Internationales (IRIC) – Yaoundé, Cameroon;
- b. Université internationale de Libreville (UIL) – Libreville, Gabon;
- c. Université de Lomé – Lomé, Togo.

1.5. These three proposals were the more comprehensive according to the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the RTPC and thus were viewed favourably by the Selection Committee.

1.6. In conclusion of the meeting, the Committee confirmed that the site visits of the three shortlisted institutions could possibly take place before the end of this year and will be conducted by Mr Willy Alfaro and Ms Chilala with the support of the RTPC Unit.

1.7. Letters to the shortlisted proposals and those that were not successful will be sent to you separately for your consideration, by ITTC.

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