ADVANCED GLOBAL WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

PROMOTING TRADE, GOOD GOVERNANCE AND INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: The Revised WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (gpa) AS AN ENABLER[[1]](#footnote-1)

Centre William Rappard (WTO HEADQUARTERS – ROOM [e])

Geneva, 13-17 may 2019

**Programme[[2]](#footnote-2)**

**Day 1 – Monday, 13 May 2019, Morning**

09:00 Registration and security procedures

09:30 Official Opening of the Workshop

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speakers** |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | Opening remarks | Mr Reto Malacrida WTO Secretariat |
| Participant expectations and objectives | Participants |

**Keynote Address**

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| Time | Subject | Speaker |
| **10:00 – 10:15** | **Keynote Address** | **Mr Roberto Azêvedo**  **Director General, WTO**  **(TBC)** |

**Introduction to the Programme**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speakers** |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Programme outline | Ms Anna Caroline Müller WTO Secretariat |
| Administrative announcements | ITTC (TBA) |

**10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break**

**SESSION 1: The significance of government procurement for trade, shared prosperity, development and economic reform**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 11:00 – 11:35 | 1.1 | Government procurement, good governance and economic reforms: the pathway to development | Professor Steven Schooner  George Washington University |
| 11:35 – 12:10 | 1.2 | The revised GPA: global context, core disciplines, trade dimension and policy considerations for developing and transition economies | Mr Robert Anderson  Honorary Professor, The University of Nottingham |
| 12:10 – 12:30 | 1.3 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**Day 1 – Monday, 13 May 2019, Afternoon**

**SESSION 2a:** **Facilitating sustainable development and shared prosperity: role and relevance of government procurement, significance of the GPA, and importance of international policy coherence in this sphere**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 14:00 – 14:35 | 2.1 | Work of the World Bank on public procurement: practical, innovative solutions to improve procurement governance and deliver enhanced value for money | Mr Vinay Sharma  Director  Solutions and Innovations in Procurement  Governance Global Practice, World Bank |
| 14:35 – 15:05 | 2.2 | Promoting inclusive trade, sustainable development and mutual welfare: strategic public procurement as facilitator and implications for international cooperation | Mr Kodjo Osei-Lah  WTO Secretariat |
| 15:05 – 15:20 | 2.3 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**15:20 – 15:35 Break**

**SESSION 2b: Facilitating sustainable development and shared prosperity: role and relevance of government procurement, significance of the GPA, and importance of international policy coherence in this sphere, *contd***

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 15:35 – 16:10 | 2.4 | The reform and modernisation of government procurement systems: EBRD’s experience in Europe and Africa and synergies with the GPA | Mr Jan Jackholt  Director of Procurement  EBRD |
| 16:10 – 16:45 | 2.5 | World Bank work on public procurement: managing environmental, social, health, safety risks including gender-based violence related-aspects. | Mr Enzo De Laurentiis  Chief Procurement Officer  World Bank  *(by video conference)* |
| 16:45 – 17:00 | 2.6 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**17:00 Close for the Day**

**Day 2 - Tuesday, 14 May 2019, Morning**

**SESSION 3a:** **Government procurement and the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 09:30 – 10:15 | 3.1 | Introduction to the GPA: walk-through of the revised text of the Agreement | Mr Robert Anderson  Honorary Professor, The University of Nottingham |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | 3.2 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**10:45 – 11:00 Break**

**SESSION 3b:** **Government procurement and the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations, *cont'd***

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | 3.3 | The EU Procurement Directives as an example of GPA implementation: experience and insights | Professor Sue Arrowsmith University of Nottingham School of Law |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | 3.4 | GPA implementation: lessons and insights from US experience | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | 3.5 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**Day 2 - Tuesday, 14 May 2019, Afternoon**

**SESSION 3c:** **Government procurement and the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations, *cont'd***

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 14:00 – 14:35 | 3.6 | The design of review bodies: GPA requirements, European experiences and options | Professor Sue Arrowsmith University of Nottingham School of Law |
| 14:35 – 15:10 | 3.7 | Domestic review in the United States: experiences and lessons learned | Professor Steven Schooner  George Washington University |
| 15:10 – 15:25 | 3.8 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**15:25 – 15:40 Break**

**SESSION 3d:** **Government procurement and the international trading system: legal and institutional foundations, *cont'd*: - *breakout session***

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 15:40 – 15:45 | 3.9 | Introduction to the exercise | Mr Robert Anderson  Honorary Professor, The University of Nottingham |
| 15:45 – 16:40 | 3.10 | Breakout discussion | Participants interventions |
| 16:40 – 17:00 | 3.11 | Feedback and main takeaways | |

**17:00 Close for the Day**

**Day 3 - Wednesday, 15 May 2019, Morning**

**SESSION 4a:** **Government procurement and the international trading system: market access commitments under the GPA and application of the WTO DSU**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | 4.1 | Market access opportunities under the revised GPA and scope and coverage of the Agreement   * Use of the e-GPA tool as a market access information resource *(*[*https://e-gpa.wto.org*](https://e-gpa.wto.org)*)* | Mr Philippe Pelletier WTO Secretariat |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | 4.2 | Institutional provisions under the GPA: application of the WTO DSU | Mr Reto Malacrida WTO Secretariat |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | 4.3 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**10:45 – 11:00 Break**

**SESSION 4b: Government procurement and the international trading system: the use of public private partnerships and framework agreements**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 11:00 – 11:35 | 4.4 | Public-private partnerships: application of the GPA framework | Professor Sue Arrowsmith University of Nottingham School of Law |
| 11:35 – 12:10 | 4.5 | The role of framework agreements in modern procurement systems: issues of competition and transparency | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |
| 12:10 – 12:30 | 4.6 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**Day 3 - Wednesday, 15 May 2019, Afternoon**

**SESSION 5:** **Evaluating the benefits of market opening in the government procurement sector: emerging new evidence, facts and figures**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | 5.1 | The benefits and costs of GPA accession: a holistic assessment | Mr Robert Anderson  Honorary Professor, The University of Nottingham |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | 5.2 | Buttressing the case for international public procurement: the role of data-driven policy making | Ms Zornitsa Kutlina-Dimitrova  European Commission |
| 15:00 – 15:20 | 5.3 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**15:20 – 15:40 Break**

**SESSION 6: Government procurement and the international trading system: market access commitments under the GPA and other approaches- *breakout session***

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 15:40 – 15:45 | 6.1 | Introduction to the exercise | Mr Robert Anderson  Honorary Professor, The University of Nottingham |
| 15:45 – 16:40 | 6.2 | Breakout discussion | Participants |
| 16:40 – 17:00 | 6.3 | Feedback and main takeaways | |

**17:00 Close for the Day**

**Day 4 - Thursday, 16 May 2019, Morning**

**SESSION 7:** **Accession to the GPA: pros and cons, procedures, transitional measures, and strategic consideration for developing countries**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 09:30 – 09:55 | 7.1 | Accession to the GPA: recent trends, process and procedures | Mr Reto Malacrida WTO Secretariat |
| 09:55 – 10:20 | 7.2 | The GPA transitional measures for developing countries: potential value as a toolkit in a sustainable development era and issues arising | Ms Anna Caroline Müller  WTO Secretariat |
| 10:20 – 10:45 | 7.3 | GPA accession as a strategy for reform and export market success: negotiating and tactical considerations | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | 7.4 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**11:00 – 11:15 Break**

**SESSION 8: Government procurement and regional integration: some experiences**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | 8.1 | The treatment of government procurement in bilateral and regional trade agreements | Mr Jianning Chen  WTO Secretariat |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | 8.2 | Liberalisation of government procurement markets: a country experience | Participant intervention |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | 8.3 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**Day 4 - Thursday, 16 May 2019, Afternoon**

**SESSION 9: Preventing corruption and supplier collusion, and promoting competition in public procurement markets**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | 9.1 | Government procurement and corruption control: lessons from international experience, and implications for institution and human capacity building | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | 9.2 | Measures to prevent collusive tendering: an important adjunct to a liberalized government procurement regime | Mr Robert Anderson  Honorary Professor, The University of Nottingham |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | 9.3 | Preventing corruption and fostering competition in public procurement markets: the role of international trade, electronic data availability and eCitizenship | Ms Anna Caroline Müller  WTO Secretariat |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | 9.4 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**15:45 – 16:00 Break**

**Dialogue with the Chairman, WTO Committee on Government Procurement**

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| Time | Subject | Speaker |
| 16:00 – 16:10 | Address by the Chairman | Mr Carlos Vanderloo  Chairman, Committee on Government Procurement |
| 16:10 – 16:25 | Q&A/General discussion |  |

**SESSION 10a: GPA accession as a strategy for development, economic performance and trade integration: accessing benefits and costs, and related domestic policy implications – *breakout session***

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 16:25 – 16:30 | 10.1 | Introduction to the exercise | Mr Robert Anderson  Honorary Professor, The University of Nottingham |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | 10.2 | Breakout discussion | Participants |
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**17:00 Close for the Day**

**Day 5 - Friday, 17 May 2019, Morning**

**SESSION 10b: GPA accession as a strategy for development, economic performance and trade integration: accessing benefits and costs, and related domestic policy implications – *breakout session – reporting and general discussion***

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 09:30 – 09:50 | 10.3 | Feedback reporting | Participants |
| 09:50 – 10:00 | 10.4 | General discussion and main takeaways | |

**SESSION 11a: e-Procurement reforms and market liberalisation: recent country and international experiences and relevance of the open contracting standard**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | 11.1 | e-Procurement and the GPA | Ms Nadezhda Sporysheva  WTO Secretariat |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | 11.2 | The impact of e-procurement reforms on efficiency, transparency, accessibility of government procurement markets: a country experience | Participant intervention |
| 10:40 – 10:55 | 11.3 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**10:55 – 11:10 Break**

**SESSION 11b: e-Procurement reforms and market liberalisation: recent country and international experiences and relevance of the open contracting standard, *cont'd***

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 11:10 – 11:40 | 11.4 | How to benefit from Big Data: the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS) | TBC  Open Contracting Partnership |
| 11:40 – 12:10 | 11.5 | E-Procurement reforms and GPA accession as a strategy for market liberalisation, economic reform and growth: practical insights from the work of EBRD | Ms Eliza Niewiadomska  EBRD |
| 12:10 – 12:30 | 11.6 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**Day 5 - Friday, 17 May 2019, Afternoon**

**SESSION 12:** **Envisioning the GPA of the future: sustainability and facilitating the participation of SMEs in government procurement markets**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 14:00 – 14:25 | 12.1 | SMEs and sustainability in government procurement: the GPA Committee's work and role of the GPA | Mr Philippe Pelletier  WTO Secretariat |
| 14:25 – 14:55 | 12.2 | Sustainable public procurement, best value for money and international trade obligations: the GPA as a model agreement | Judge Marc Steiner  Swiss Federal  Administrative Court |
| 14:55 – 15:25 | 12.3 | Integrating SMEs in government procurement: results of an EBRD study (update) | Ms Eliza Niewiadomska  EBRD |
| 15:25 – 15:40 | 12.4 | General discussion/key takeaways | |

**15:40 – 15:55 Break**

**SESSION 13: Concluding session**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | | **Speakers** |
| 15:55 – 16:15 | 13.1 | Individual review, evaluation and personal reflection | Participants |
| 16:15 – 16:25 | 13.2 | Concluding plenary: participants' feedback and any comments | Participants |
| 16:25 – 16:40 | 13.3 | Rapporteur's reflections | Professor Steven Schooner George Washington University Law School |
| 16:40 – 16:45 | 13.4 | Closing remarks | Mr Reto Malacrida  WTO Secretariat |

**16:45 CLOSE AND END OF SEMINAR**

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