ADVANCED GLOBAL e-WORKSHOP ON the PLURILATERAl WTO Agreement on GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GPA)

**7, 10 and 14 December[[1]](#footnote-2)**

**DRAFT Programme**

**DAY 1: THE MAIN FEATURES AND FLEXIBILITIES OF THE GPA, AND GPA IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

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| **Subject** | **Speakers** | **Duration** |
| **Opening** | | |
| Welcome and introduction to the programme of  the E- Workshop | Mr Reto Malacrida  IPD | 5-10 |

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| **Subject** | **Speakers** | **Duration** |
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| 1.1 Introduction to the GPA: objectives, covered procurement, key principles and features | Mr Robert Anderson, University of Nottingham | 30 |
| **Domestic GPA implementation** | | |
| 1.2 The 2014 UNCITRAL Model Law as a useful guide to implementing the GPA domestically | Ms Caroline Nicholas, UNCITRAL | 30 |
| 1.3 Built-in GPA flexibilities for covered procurement: procurement methods, time-periods, exceptions, awarding of contracts | IPD | 30 |
| 1.4 Case study on built-in flexibilities: the operation of the GPA in situations of extreme urgency (COVID-19) | Professor Sue Arrowsmith, University of Nottingham | 30 |
| **Plurilateral GPA administration** | | |
| 1.5 The regular work of the Committee on Government Procurement: a conversation with the incumbent Chair | Mr Carlos Vanderloo, Chair of the Committee on Government Procurement | 20 |
| **Participants' input** |  |  |
| 1.6 Participants' opinion survey  1.7 Breakout session  1.8 Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours | Participants |  |

**DAY 2: THE DELIBERATIVE FUNCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE AND ACCESSION TO THE GPA PART I (THE WTO LEVEL)**

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| **Subject** | **Speakers** | **Duration** |
| **Plurilateral GPA deliberations: The Government Procurement Committee's Work Programmes** | | |
| 2.1 Currently active GPA Work Programmes: Small-and-medium-sized enterprises, statistical data, and sustainable procurement | IPD | 20 |
| **GPA accession: Requirements and procedures, preparation for coverage negotiations, and transitional measures for developing countries** | | |
| 2.2 Accession to the GPA: observer status in the Committee, recent trends, requirements and procedures | IPD | 30 |
| 2.3 GPA coverage negotiations and the e-GPA system as a negotiating aid *(<https://e-gpa.wto.org>)* | IPD | 30 |
| 2.4 GPA transitional measures for developing countries: | IPD | 20 |
| **Participants' input** |  |  |
| 2.5 Participants' opinion survey  2.6 Results of the breakout session  2.7 Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours | Participants  Participants report back in a live format |  |

**DAY 3: ACCESSION TO THE GPA PART II (THE DOMESTIC LEVEL) AND OUTLOOK**

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| **Subject** | **Speakers** | **Duration** |
| **GPA accession: Seeing the opportunities and building support** | | |
| 3.1(a) GPA accession as a catalyst for internal government procurement reform: examples from the CEECAC region | Ms Eliza Niewiadomska, EBRD | 30 |
| 3.1(b) [***Optional***] The GPA as a tool for fighting corruption: first empirical insights | Ms Nadezhda Sporysheva UNECE | 30 |
| 3.2 Building domestic support for GPA accession: a Brazilian perspective | [Representative of the Mission of Brazil to WTO/capital-based delegate from Brazil OR Cesar Pereira] | 30 |
| 3.3 Evidence-based trade policy-making: towards more and better economic data on international government procurement | [Ms Zornitsa Kutlina-Dimitrova, EU Commission] | 30 |
| 3.4 Measuring the economic impacts of acceding to the GPA: analytical approach and initial results | [Mr Mihaly Fazekas, Central European University] | 30 |
| **Outlook: The current international regulatory and policy landscape** |  |  |
| 3.5 Current trends in international government procurement regulation and policy | Professor Steven Schooner, George Washington University | 30 |
| **Participants' input** |  |  |
| 3.6 Participants' opinion survey  3.7 Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours | Participants |  |

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| **Conclusion** | | |
| Closing remarks | Mr Tony Taubman, Director, IPD | 5-10 |
| Seminar evaluation form | Participants |  |

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1. These are the dates on which pre-recorded presentations will be uploaded to the platform. Participants will be notified in case a recording cannot be uploaded as planned due to unforeseen circumstances. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)