**Virtual National WTO WORKSHOP FOR israel ON**

**the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) 2012 AND GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CHAPTERS in fREE TRADE AGREEMENTs (ftas)

9-11 december 2024**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

This Workshop is organized by the WTO Secretariat, in cooperation with the government of Israel, to facilitate the understanding of the GPA 2012 and active participation in the work of the Committee on Government Procurement.

The Workshop has three main parts:

* Initially, it will focus on the WTO's GPA 2012 as the only binding trade agreement with a global aspiration and an exclusive government procurement focus and with the status of an international best practices instrument. It will familiarize participants with the international trade and development aspects of the GPA 2012.
* In the middle part, the Workshop will focus on the GPA 2012 as a good governance tool. The importance of the Agreement for enhanced integrity and promotion of competition in domestic procurement markets will be discussed. The Workshop participants will also be introduced to the work of the Committee on Government Procurement.
* In the final part, the Workshop will focus on the required notifications and the universe of documents. In addition, chapters in FTAs, their relationship with the GPA 2012 and the significance of the GPA 2012 in that context will be discussed.

The programme adopts an interactive approach with slots for discussions embedded throughout. Participants are encouraged to come prepared to contribute to the Workshop.

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**Monday, 9 December 2024**

**SESSION 1: Opening**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speaker** |
| 09:30 – 09:40 | 1.1 Opening remarks | WTO Secretariat |
| 09:40 – 10:00 | 1.2 Participant introductions and objectives | Workshop participants |

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

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speaker** |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | 2.1 Introduction to the GPA 2012 | WTO Secretariat |
| 10:20 – 11:00 | 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  |
| 11:00 – 11:10 | 2.3 General discussion |  |

**11:10 – 11:20 Break**

**SESSION 3: Scope and coverage of the GPA 2012: Potential market access benefits**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speaker** |
| 11:20 – 12:20 | 3.1 The GPA 2012: architecture of market access schedules, and the e-GPA online market access information resource portal (e-GPA) (<https://e-gpa.wto.org/>) | WTO Secretariat |
| 12:20 – 12:30 | 3.2 General discussion |  |

**Tuesday, 10 December 2024**

**SESSION 4: The expected benefits of GPA membership**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speaker** |
| 09:30 – 09:50 | 4.1 The expected benefits of GPA membership  | WTO Secretariat  |
| 09:50 – 10:30 | 4.2 Possible governmental measures to support domestic suppliers in bidding for GPA-covered contracts abroad | TBC |
| 10:30 – 10:40 | 4.3 General discussion |  |

**10:40 – 10:50 Break**

**SESSION 5: The GPA 2012 and good governance in government procurement**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speaker** |
| 10:50 – 11:20 | 5.1 Good governance: Enhancing integrity in the domestic government procurement market – The GPA 2012 as a tool for fighting corruption | WTO Secretariat |
| 11:20 – 11:50 | 5.2 Good governance: Promoting competition and fighting collusion in the domestic government procurement market – more/better value for money | WTO Secretariat |
| 11:50 – 12:00 | 5.3 General discussion |  |

**SESSION 6A: Committee on Government Procurement and the administration of the GPA 2012**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speaker** |

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| 12:00 – 12:20  | 6.1 Introduction to the Committee on Government Procurement (CGP)  | WTO Secretariat  |
| 12:20 – 12:30 | 6.2 General discussion |  |

**Wednesday, 11 December 2024**

**SESSION 6B: Committee on Government Procurement and the administration of the GPA 2012 (cont'd)**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speaker** |
| 09:30 – 09:50 | 6.3 Walk-through of Commonly Appearing Agenda Items for CGP Meetings (using the agenda of the CGP's October 2024 meetings as an example)  | WTO Secretariat |
| 09:50 – 10:50 | 6.4 GPA Notifications: Types and filing of notifica- tions; related GPA documents  | WTO Secretariat |
| 10:50 – 11:00 | 6.5 General discussion |  |

**11:00 – 11:10 Break**

**SESSION 7:** **Free trade agreement (FTA) chapters on government procurement**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speaker** |
| 11:10 – 12:00 | 7.1 Relationship with the GPA 2012, significance of the GPA 2012 in the context of FTA negotiations (template function) and key differences between FTA negotiations and GPA 2012 accession negotiations | WTO Secretariat |

**SESSION 8: Concluding session**

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| **Time** | **Subject** | **Speaker** |
| 12:00 – 12:20 | 8.1 Main take-aways from the Workshop and participants' evaluation of the Workshop, feedback and comments | WTO Secretariat and workshop participants |
| 12:20 – 12:30 | 8.2 Closing remarks  | WTO Secretariat |

**12:30 CLOSE**

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