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**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 AND 10 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 programme of the Workshop has two 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 as an international best practices instrument. It will familiarize participants with the main substantive and procedural obligations under the Agreement and will explore the way in which Parties' market access commitments are reflected.
- The programme will also cover the requirements concerning GPA notifications and related GPA documents.
- Finally, there will be a discussion about the government procurement chapters in FTAs, their relationship with the GPA 2012 and the significance of the GPA 2012 in that context.

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

Monday, 9 December 2024

SESSION 1: Opening

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:10	1.1 Opening remarks	WTO Secretariat
09:10 – 09:30	1.2 Participant introductions and objectives	Workshop participants

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	WTO Secretariat
10:00 – 10:50	2.2 Possible governmental measures to support domestic suppliers in bidding for GPA-covered contracts abroad	TBC
10:50 -11:00	2.3 General discussion	

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch break

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

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
12:00 – 13:20	3.1 Structure of market access schedules under the GPA 2012; the e-GPA online market access information resource portal (e-GPA gateway) (https://e-gpa.wto.org/); Israel's market access commitments; and Israel's unique Offsets Note (Annex 8 of Appendix I of Israel)	WTO Secretariat
13:20 – 13:30	3.2 General discussion	

Tuesday, 10 December 2024

SESSION 4: Taking advantage of the GPA 2012 to be awarded contracts abroad

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:40	4.1 The GPA 2012: Main substantive and procedural commitments and built-in flexibilities (<i>Walk-through of the text of the GPA 2012</i>); preferential treatment, local content requirements under the GPA 2012, and relevant general and security exceptions	WTO Secretariat
09:40 – 09:50	4.2 General discussion	

SESSION 5: Administration of the GPA 2012: Notifications

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:50 – 10:50	5.1 GPA notifications (including on procurement statistics, thresholds, and amendments to Appendix I to reflect covered entity restructuring, privatization, etc.): Types and filing of notifications; related GPA 2012 documents and procedures	WTO Secretariat
10:50 – 11:00	5.2 General discussion	

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch break

SESSION 6: Free trade agreement (FTA) chapters on government procurement

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
12:00 – 12:30	6.1 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
12:30- 12:40	6.2 General discussion	

SESSION 7: Concluding session

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
12:40 – 12:50	7.1 Knowledge check: Participants take a GPA 2012 quiz	Workshop participants
12:50 – 13:10	7.2 Main take-aways from the Workshop and participants' evaluation of the Workshop, feedback and comments	WTO Secretariat and workshop participants

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