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## ADVANCED REGIONAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT WORKSHOP FOR ASIAN ECONOMIES

**Bangkok, Thailand  
13-15 January 2015**

### PROGRAMME

This Workshop is organized by the WTO Secretariat pursuant to the Secretariat's 2014/2015 Technical Assistance Plan (WT/COMTD/W/200), in co-operation with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), for the benefit of participants from Asian economies.

The theme of this Workshop is: *"Government procurement as a tool for trade and development: relevance of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) and policy considerations for Asian economies."*

The purpose of the Workshop is to provide a forum for both trade and procurement experts to exchange information on national, bilateral, regional and multilateral trade-related activities and initiatives in the area of government procurement. The main objectives of the programme are: (i) to familiarize participants with WTO activities on government procurement, notably as they relate to trade, governance, economic performance and development; (ii) to elaborate the content of, and the benefits and challenges of accession to, the Agreement; and (iii) to explore the interaction between GPA disciplines and bilateral / regional trade agreements in the Asian region. A draft programme is attached.

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The programme adopts an interactive approach emphasizing embedded breakout sessions to encourage consideration of practical issues, networking, and the exchange of information and sharing of experiences, in addition to traditional lectures and presentations.

Participants are encouraged to come prepared, where possible, with relevant material to contribute to the workshop during the slots indicated for national experiences and/or in the breakout sessions.

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**Tuesday, 13 January 2015**

**08:30 Registration**

**SESSION 1: Opening**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:15	1.1 Opening remarks	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat  TBA, ESCAP
09:15 – 09:20	<i>Break</i>	
09:20 – 09:45	1.2 Participant introductions and objectives	Participants

**SESSION 2: Significance of government procurement for development and trade in the prevailing economic environment**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:45 – 10:15	2.1 Significance of government procurement for development and trade: competition, governance, value for money and the international dimension	Prof Daniel Gordon George Washington University Law School
10:15 – 10:30	2.2 General discussion	

**10:30 – 11:00 Break**

**SESSION 3: The revised WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA): global context and potential market access benefits**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
11:00 – 11:30	3.1 The revised GPA: global context, core disciplines, entry into force and policy considerations for Asian economies	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
11:30 – 12:00	3.2 The GPA: potential market access benefits for Asian economies	Mr Jianning Chen WTO Secretariat
12:00 – 12:30	3.3 General discussion	

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch**

**SESSION 4a: Practices and experiences from the region and relevance of the GPA**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:00 – 14:30	4.1 The relevance of the GPA principles for public health	Mr. Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
14:30 – 15:00	4.2 The relevance of GPA principles for good governance: the case of Thailand	Dr Sirilaksana Khoman, National Anti-Corruption Commission, Thailand
15:00 – 15:30	4.3 General discussion	

**15:30 – 16:00 Break**

**SESSION 4b: Practices and experiences from the region and relevance of the GPA, contd**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
16:00 – 16:30	4.5 Synergies and Complementarities between International regimes and domestic reforms: the unique contributions that the GPA can make	Prof Daniel Gordon George Washington University Law School
16:30 – 17:30	4.6 National experiences and practices – <b><i>breakout session</i></b>	Participants
17:30 – 18:00	4.7 Reporting and general discussion	

**Wednesday, 14 January 2015****SESSION 5: The Agreement on Government Procurement: introduction to the revised text, and scope and coverage of the Agreement**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:30	5.1 Introduction to the revised text of the GPA: key revisions, new elements and flexibilities for Parties and acceding members ( <i>Walk-through of the revised text</i> )	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
09:30 – 10:00	5.2 Scope and coverage of the GPA: approaches to coverage, Parties' coverage commitments under the revised Agreement and demonstration of the e-GPA online market access information tool	Mr Jianning Chen WTO Secretariat
10:00 – 10:30	5.3 General discussion	

**10:30 – 11:00 Break****SESSION 6: Enforcement procedures**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
11:00 – 11:30	6.1 Domestic review procedures: GPA requirements and international experience	Prof Daniel Gordon George Washington University Law School
11:30 – 12:00	6.2 WTO dispute settlement procedures under the GPA	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
12:00 – 12:30	6.3 General discussion	

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch****SESSION 7: Transparency and institutional provisions in government procurement regimes: domestic and international perspectives – *breakout session***

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:00 – 15:00	7.1 Transparency and institutional provisions of government procurement regimes: domestic rules <i>vis-à-vis</i> GPA requirements – <b><i>breakout session</i></b>	Participants
15:00 – 15:30	7.2 Reporting and general discussion	

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**15:30 – 16:00** **Break**

**SESSION 8: Multilateralism, regionalism and public procurement: prospects for future evolution**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
16:00 – 16:30	8.1 The treatment of government procurement in regional trade agreements: results from empirical analysis, latest developments and implications for the GPA	Mr Jianning Chen WTO Secretariat
16:30 – 17:00	8.2 The treatment of government procurement in regional trade agreements: a perspective from the region	Prof Henry Gao, Singapore Management University
17:00 – 17:30	8.3 General discussion	

**Thursday, 15 January 2015**

**SESSION 9: Accession to the GPA: modalities, transitional measures, benefits and challenges and policy considerations for Asian economies**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:30	9.1 Accession to the GPA: potential benefits and costs and policy considerations for Asian economies	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
09:30 – 10:00	9.2 Accession to the GPA: procedural issues including flexibilities for developing countries	Mr Jianning Chen WTO Secretariat
10:00 – 10:30	9.3 General discussion	

**10:30 – 11:00** **Break**

**SESSION 10a: Implementation and related issues**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
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