	"As the first Angolan to participate in this programme, I am honoured to serve as a Young Professional at the World Trade Organization. I am excited to support the work of the Development Division, contributing to the WTO's central role in fostering the greater integration of developing countries into global trade. I look forward to working on LLDCs, Small Economies, and Sustainable Development while enhancing my knowledge and understanding of the multilateral trading system, exploring ways to support LDCs in maximizing the benefits of international trade." **Lucas Narciso Pimenta Ricardo (Angola)**
	"I am honoured to be selected as one of the WTO's Young Professionals. I start my journey in The WTO determined to focus on my personal growth, challenge myself, seize every opportunity to learn, and contribute my knowledge to sustainable development through multilateral trade. Alongside my fellow Young Professionals, we will develop essential skills, cultivate valuable networks, and create a lasting impact, empowering each of us to shape our futures while contributing to collective success and development worldwide." **Edgar Hovhannisyan (Armenia)**
	"By joining the YPs programme, I'm driven to deepen my understanding of the Multilateral Trading System and engage meaningfully with WTO officials in providing support to trade in the world. I'm thrilled to enhance my skills in economic diplomacy and contribute to the efforts of the secretariat in promoting a sustainable, equitable and prosperous trade between members. Overall, I expect to develop my expertise in international trade and contribute effectively and efficiently to tackling global trade challenges." **Stanislas Wilfried Ramcés Sanon (Burkina Faso)**
	"The WTO YP Programme for me presents an exceptional opportunity for both my personal and professional growth, especially as the landscape of international trade continues to evolve. As part of the Trade Policy Review Division, I look forward to contributing to the WTO's work in fostering transparency in the multilateral trading system. I am eager to improve my expertise in trade policy analysis while gaining deeper insights into the trade policies of WTO members." **Faith Mbakhwa (Botswana)**
	"Joining the WTO as a young professional means entering a world where non-tariff measures are as crucial as tariffs in shaping global trade. While I'm still building my expertise, I bring a willingness to learn, a passion for teamwork, and a commitment to making trade work better for everyone." **Chea Eriya (Cambodia)**

	"As a Young Professional attached to the Intellectual Property division, it is an honor to be part of the WTO at a time when the WTO celebrates its 30th anniversary and prepares for its upcoming 14th Ministerial Conference. Through this programme, I hope to enhance my knowledge and build skills in diverse areas of trade and the multilateral trading system. Additionally, I look forward to leveraging my expertise to work towards the facilitation of trade using Intellectual Property." **Chiafuchu Benard (Cameroon)**
	"Selected as a Young Professional in the Economic Research and Statistics Division at WTO, I am privileged and excited to support data processing and analysis within the Integrated Database Unit. Over the next year, I look forward to supporting the production of reliable trade statistics for key outputs like the World Trade Report and SDG report. This programme provides a valuable opportunity to strengthen my knowledge of international trade, including Trade Policy Statistics, and enhance my expertise in data analysis while contributing to evidence-based trade policy and development." **Siramane Coulibaly (Côte d'Ivoire)**
	"As a WTO Young Professional, I am eager to contribute to the work of the WTO on Market Access for Trade in Goods, with a particular focus on rules of origin and trade facilitation. My goal is to deepen my expertise by actively engaging in committee meetings, supporting their coordination, and learning from world-class trade experts within the Market Access Division. Additionally, I look forward to contributing to research, collaborating with colleagues, and gaining firsthand insights into the practical and policy dimensions of global trade." **Kutubo Jarju (The Gambia)**
	"It is a great privilege to join the WTO as a Young Professional at such a dynamic time! I am excited about the unique opportunity to contribute to resilience and fairness in international trade through my work in the Rules Division. As the world faces a growing risk of fragmentation, I am dedicated to deepening my expertise in trade remedies, dispute settlement and other layers of the multilateral trading system. I am confident that this programme will provide me with the necessary tools and experiences to further my professional development." **Tatia Nikvashvili (Georgia)**
	"The Young Professionals Programme is an opportunity for me to deepen my knowledge in international trade and the multilateral trading system. I look forward to contributing to the work of the Agriculture and Commodities Division, while gaining a deeper understanding of sanitary and phytosanitary measures; and how they facilitate safe and inclusive trade. I also look forward to gaining a better understanding of the

	different work areas of the WTO, to enhance my knowledge and expertise in international trade." **Angela Kyei Benefo (Ghana)**
	"Honoured to be part of the 2025 WTO Young Professionals Cohort, working at the Director-General's Office. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to engage with global trade policy at a crucial level and gain a broad perspective on all WTO divisions and their contributions to the organisation's mission. I am eager to contribute meaningfully to the WTO's work and aim to expand my knowledge of trade governance, strengthen my analytical skills, and work alongside experts from diverse backgrounds. This year is all about growth, impact, and taking on new challenges, and look forward to make the most out of it through this programme." **Hiral Hirani (Kenya)**
	"Coming from a Least Developed Country like Malawi, I am excited to contribute to the work of the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, and I look forward to learning from the wealth of knowledge and experience from colleagues on how best to monitor, evaluate and strengthen technical assistance programmes implemented by the WTO towards an inclusive and transparent trading system." **Julia Sibale (Malawi)**
	"I am honoured to be the first Malaysian participant in this Programme, joining the Services and Investment Division. I am excited to be part of the Investment Facilitation team and contribute to this important project alongside my talented colleagues. It's indeed a privilege to be part of an initiative that will drive investment growth in our dynamic global landscape and contribute to the development of WTO Members. I eagerly anticipate learning from the Division and expand my knowledge of trade in services and investment as it evolves." **Angelique Saw (Malaysia)**
	"I am truly honoured to be part of the YP cohort of 2025. Throughout this one-year programme in the Trade and Environment Division, I aspire to explore the potential of multilateral trade in promoting sustainable development, especially in developing countries and LDCs. I envision using this knowledge to advocate for equitable trade practices and collaborating with fellow stakeholders to further drive innovative solutions that support economic growth - enabling these regions to thrive while protecting ecosystems and natural resources for future generations." **Alexandra Vartan (Moldova)**



"Joining the WTO YPP 2025 cohort is an honour and a unique opportunity to shape the future of global trade. Over the year, I look forward to deepening my expertise in multilateral frameworks, collaborating with peers from diverse backgrounds, and addressing challenges such as sustainable development, digital trade, and equitable growth. This program offers a transformative platform to learn from the extensive resources of the WTO to advance inclusive policies that bridge economic divides and foster a more resilient international trading system." **Ovonlen Ebhohimhen (Nigeria)**



"I am immensely grateful to join the WTO Secretariat and to contribute at a critical time for international trade and multilateral cooperation. Working in the Council and Trade Negotiations Committee Division, I look forward to collaborating with esteemed colleagues and supporting Members in advancing important discussions at the General Council and in e-commerce negotiations, to shape meaningful outcomes for MC14 in 2026. In parallel with my PhD research on global data governance, I am also excited to deepen my understanding of global trade governance, multilateral diplomacy, and digital trade policy." **Ethel Hui Yan Tan (Singapore)**



"As a Young Professional in the Legal Affairs Division, I am eager to immerse myself in its work and embrace every learning opportunity. My focus will be on dispute settlement, as well as the interpretation and application of WTO agreements. I look forward to engaging with international trade experts and lawyers, drawing on their insights to enhance my expertise. I believe this experience will provide me with the skills and knowledge to become an excellent international trade lawyer and represent my country with distinction and integrity." **Nada Alsalmi (Saudi Arabia)**



"Over the coming year, I look forward to connecting with experts across the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC) and other divisions to deepen my understanding of trade-related technical assistance activities. I aim to gain valuable insights into designing tailored assistance tools, strengthening monitoring frameworks, and contributing to policy development that fosters sustainable growth, trade integration, and ensures that my country, Togo, and all LDCs fully benefit from the rules-based Multilateral Trading System, meet their obligations, enforce their rights as Members, and address emerging trade-related challenges." **Wenkonta Pasgo (Togo)**



"I am thrilled to join the Trade in Services and Investment Division at a time when services trade is shaping the future of the global economy. I look forward to learning from global experts, expanding my understanding of international services trade policy, and contributing to the advancement of fair and transparent regulatory frameworks that support businesses and drive economic diversification. This opportunity will allow me to engage with diverse perspectives and be part of efforts to make services trade more efficient, accessible, and beneficial to a wider range of stakeholders." **Duc Viet Tran (Viet Nam)**