Note on the WTO Chairs Programme

The WTO Chairs Programme (WCP) was launched in 2010 as a capacity-building project. It aims to enhance knowledge and understanding of the trading system among academics and policymakers in developing countries through curriculum development, research and outreach activities by universities and research institutions. Information on the WCP is available at www.wto.org/wcp.

Following the conclusion of the first phase of the WCP (2010-2013), it was extended for a second period of four years in 2014. After the conclusion of the second phase in 2018, the WCP underwent an independent external evaluation in 2019, which led to the WTO’s management decision to extend the program and launch a third phase of the WCP in the fall of 2020 for implementation in 2021.

WCP chairholders are selected through a competitive process. Currently, there are 19 active chairs.

The programme has provided financial support of up to CHF 50,000 per annum per institution for a period of up to four years to each newly selected chair. The WCP in its second phase was funded by the Netherlands with co-funding by France, in support of the two French-speaking least-developed countries (LDCs) in the WCP.

The current chairholders are:

**Buenos Aires, Argentina**
Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO)

**Bridgetown, Barbados**
University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus

**Cotonou, Benin**
University Abomey-Calavi

**São Paulo, Brazil**
Getulio Vargas Foundation, São Paulo School of Economics

**Santiago, Chile**
University of Chile

**Shanghai, China**
Shanghai University of International Business & Economics

**Yogyakarta, Indonesia**
Universitas Gadjah Mada, Center for World Trade Studies

**Amman, Jordan**
University of Jordan, Faculty of Business

**Nairobi, Kenya**
University of Nairobi, School of Economics
Réduit, Mauritius
University of Mauritius, Faculty of Law and Management

Mexico City, Mexico
Autonomous Institute of Technology, Centre for International Economic Law

Rabat, Morocco
Mohammed V University – Souissi

Muscat, Oman
Sultan Qaboos University

St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
St. Petersburg State University, Faculty of Economics, Department of World Economy

Dakar, Senegal
Cheikh Anta Diop University, Faculty of Economics and Management

Singapore
National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law

Potchefstroom, South Africa
North-West University

Tunis, Tunisia
University of Tunis, ESSECT

Istanbul, Turkey
Istanbul Bilgi University