

CHINA WTO ACCESSION INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

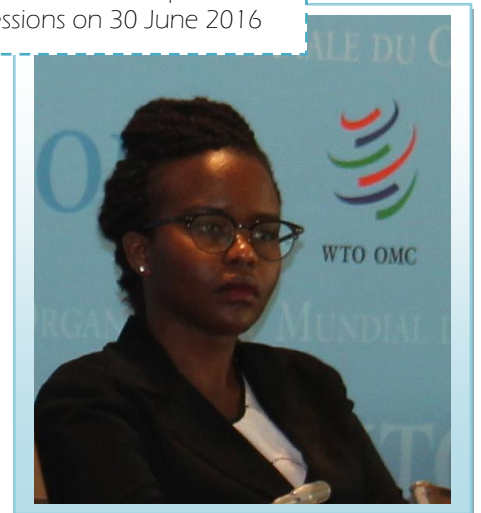
ALUMNI STORIES

Vicky, please tell us....

Where are you from, and what have you studied before joining the China Programme?

I am Ugandan. Prior to this internship, I worked with the National Social Security Fund in Uganda as a Data Integrity Officer. I hold a BSc in Quantitative Economics from Makerere University (Uganda), an Advanced Post Graduate Diploma in International Trade Policy and Trade Law as well as several certificates in International Trade and Development from the Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (TRAPCA). I am also currently pursuing an MSc in International Trade Policy, Law and Development from Lund University in association with the Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (TRAPCA) (Tanzania).

Vicky Chemutai @ work at the Special Session of the WTO Informal Group on Accessions on 30 June 2016



Why did you apply?

No country is 100% self-sufficient. They all need each other in order to increase the welfare of their people. Trade fuels integration and globalisation. I desired to play a role – *albeit* small – in contributing to the rules that govern international trade. I hoped to optimally utilize the wealth of trade-related knowledge and professional experience I had garnered, in a platform that promoted effective trade policy formulation in the global trading system.

What kind of work were you assigned to during your internship?

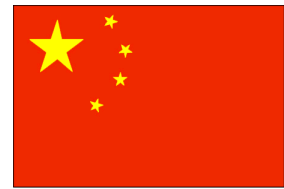
In addition to supporting the Working Party Secretaries on the accession dossiers of Comoros, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Sudan through processing inputs and covering meetings when necessary, I assisted in the WTO 20th anniversary celebrations, the WTO Public Forum, the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi and the 4th China Round Table in Nairobi. I also assisted the Accessions Division in preparing and covering various meetings, including the Informal Group on Accessions and the LDCs Consultative Group. I also contributed to the final verification stage of the Accessions Intelligence Portal (AIP) and have transferred new data to the Accessions Commitments Database (ACDB). I co-authored several articles on topical WTO accession- and trade-related themes for forthcoming publications.

Looking back, what do you think of your work experience at the WTO, and as participant of the China Programme?

It was a deeply informative, technically engaging and thoroughly gratifying experience!



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What have you done since?

I am currently on a short-term contract with the Accessions Division of the WTO, as an Economic Affairs Officer. I am serving as the Working Party Secretary on the Accession of Ethiopia, as well as Co-Secretary on a number of dossiers. My other responsibilities include, *inter alia*, preparing technical and substantive inputs for the DG'S Annual Report, China Round Tables, the Informal Group on Accessions and various accessions publications.

Thank you, Vicky!