

The Committee recommended the General Council approve that the accumulated budgetary surplus, as at 31 December 2019, be transferred to the Working Capital Fund, which can be used to cover short-term cash shortages.

The Committee discussed other topics, such as coherence in the establishment and management of WTO trust funds, enhancing strategic planning and horizontal coordination in the WTO, enhancing output reporting and the planned update of the online documents platform. This new version of the platform will be a secure and intuitive application that helps

users easily find the information they need. Preparatory work for implementation of the project began in early 2021.

WTO budget 2021

The WTO derives its income from annual contributions from its 164 members (see Table 3) and miscellaneous income. These contributions are based on a formula that takes into account each member's share of international trade. Miscellaneous income mainly consists of contributions from observer countries, income from the sale of publications and rental of meeting rooms.



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The WTO's budget for 2021 is:

CHF 197,204,000

Table 2: Consolidated budget for 2021

Section	Budget 2021
Staff expenditure (including staff remuneration, pension and post-employment benefits, health and invalidity insurance, family and international benefits)	131,565,000
Temporary assistance (including short-term staff, consultants, translators, panellists and Appellate Body member fees)	17,275,000
General services (including telecommunications and post, contractual services and maintenance, energy and supplies, documentation and publication)	15,826,000
Travel and hospitality	8,207,000
Implementing partners (includes any activity or event partly/jointly/fully funded by the WTO but executed by a third-party organization)	213,000
Capital expenditure (including procurement of fixed assets and rental and leasing of equipment)	2,895,000
Financial expenditure (including bank and interest charges and building loan reimbursement)	1,780,000
Contributions to International Trade Centre and special reserves (including Appellate Body operating fund, Ministerial Conference operating fund)	19,443,000
Grand total	197,204,000