Developing a gender-lens framework for the work of the WTO

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Overall objectives

- To consider and clarify what ‘gender lens’ as a concept applied to international trade entails;
- To consider specifically how a gender lens could be usefully applied to the work of the WTO, with a view to presenting a concept and work plan to members by MC12.
Potential objectives in trade context

- Maximize opportunities for trade agreements to promote women’s economic empowerment and participation in trade-related activities
- Ensure that trade agreements do not inadvertently undermine national gender equality commitments
Scope of Project

- WTO Functions
- WTO Agreements
- WTO Negotiations
- Joint Statement Initiatives
Scope of Project

Four Issues

Gender lens analytical framework may cover:

- Negotiation Process, if relevant
- Implementation, Enforcement, & Review Mechanisms
- Complementary laws, policies, & programmes
Expected Outputs

The methodology will include textual analysis and desk review from trade experts, as well as consultations with delegates and experts.

For each of the selected issue, a set of considerations and recommendations will be delivered, which may include:

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<td>Likely impact of selected issue on gender equality and women’s economic empowerment</td>
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<td>Extent and nature of sex-disaggregated data collection required to facilitate analysis of gendered impact of the selected issue</td>
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<td>Interventions that could amplify the benefits and mitigate harmful effects for women</td>
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<td>Suggestions to strengthen consultation mechanisms for relevant stakeholders</td>
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<td>Complementary policies or programmes to maximize the gender benefits and minimize anticipated social or economic dislocation of women</td>
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<td>Mechanisms to ensure consistency of country’s gender equality commitments to national, regional, or international conventions</td>
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Implement Plan

**HOW?**

1. Work with experts and WTO IWG members;
2. Prepare elements of framework, with guiding concepts and questions;
3. Work with sectoral experts;
4. Prepare analytical notes;
5. Organize dedicated workshops to discuss insights;
6. Draft final notes for consideration;
7. Finalize a summary report with key findings & recommendations.
## Implementation Timeline

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<td>JUL – SEP 21</td>
<td>Select WTO functions, agreements, negotiations, JSIs, etc for analysis</td>
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<td>SEP – NOV 21</td>
<td>Develop a gender-lens analytical framework to be used as a basis for subsequent work</td>
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<td>NOV – APR 22</td>
<td>Prepare 4 analytical briefs to apply the framework to specific WTO functions, agreements, negotiations, etc.</td>
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<td>Conduct 4 workshops to discuss analysis and recommendations</td>
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