

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

Rédut, 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