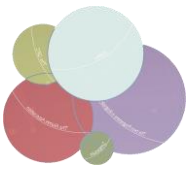


<b>MODULE</b>	Legal Background
<b>LECTURER</b>	Robert ANDERSON
<b>LECTURE TITLE</b>	Introduction to the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To familiarize participants with the history, objectives, core elements and recent renegotiation of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement.</li><li>• To make clear the affinity and complementarity of the Agreement with other international instruments, including the UNCITRAL Model Law, the relevant EU Directives and the work of EBRD.</li><li>• To enable participants to assess for themselves the potential benefits and costs of accession to the Agreement, and especially its significance for transition and developing economies.</li></ul>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The module will begin with a lecture/presentation on the history, objectives, core elements and recent renegotiation of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement. It will then proceed to a facilitated discussion of the potential benefits and the associated costs and challenges for developing/transition economies in joining the Agreement. Attention will be given to the role of the Agreement as an underpinning of good governance and procurement reforms, in addition to its significance for market access. Reference will be made to the recent experiences of Armenia, Moldova, Montenegro and Ukraine in joining the Agreement and to the ongoing accessions of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic. Participants will be encouraged to develop/share their own perspectives and relevant experiences.</p>
<b>CLASS MATERIAL</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Revised WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (available here: <a href="https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/rev-gpr-94_01_e.pdf">https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/rev-gpr-94_01_e.pdf</a>).</li><li>2) Robert D. Anderson and Nadezhda Sporysheva, "The Revised WTO Agreement on Government Procurement: Evolving Global Footprint, Economic Impact and Policy Significance," (2019) Public Procurement Law Review, vol. 28, issue 3, pp. 71-91.</li></ol>



3) Robert D. Anderson, Philippe Pelletier, Kodjo Osei-Lah and Anna Caroline Müller, Assessing the Value of Future Accessions to the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA): Some New Data Sources, Provisional Estimates, and An Evaluative Framework for Individual WTO Members Considering Accession (WTO Staff Working Paper ERSD-2011-15, October 6, 2011; available here: [https://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/reser\\_e/ersd201115\\_e.pdf](https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/reser_e/ersd201115_e.pdf)).