

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

YOUTH TRADE SUMMIT ON GENDER

Is there a talented, highly motivated young researcher willing to engage on trade & gender issues in your institution?

We are seeking nominations for young researchers in academia and research institutions such as research foundations and centres, think tanks and policy research settings. Aged 20-35, the nominees must have demonstrated a strong and proven interest in trade and gender issues and aspire to advance their work and engage with the global trade and gender community at a prestigious global event.¹

The right momentum for youth involved in trade & gender issues

In recent years, public and private trade stakeholders globally have increasingly acknowledged the contribution of women's economic empowerment in achieving sustainable development. To improve women's participation in international trade, policymakers are enhancing their expertise in gender mainstreaming, supported by researchers who investigate evidence-based solutions to address these issues.

The realization that gender equality in trade is a powerful engine for poverty reduction reached the multilateral level in June 2022 at WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference, when Ministers recognized the links between women's economic empowerment and economic growth, noting the work of the WTO on this issue.

In December 2022, the WTO hosted the first edition of the [World Trade Congress on Gender](#), the first international research conference on trade and gender. Promoting innovative research, this high-level event brought together the most eminent trade and gender experts to present new findings and the latest trade and gender research from around the world. It also provided a platform for researchers and policymakers to exchange and build partnerships.

To build on this momentum, the WTO, jointly with [WTO Gender Research Hub](#), will organize the Youth Trade Summit on Gender on 13-14 November 2023 at WTO's headquarters, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Aimed at promoting the next generation of trade and gender experts and researchers, the Summit is a milestone event between the first and second edition of the World Trade Congress on Gender.

With the aim of enhancing collaboration between researchers and policymakers, the Youth Trade Summit on Gender is specifically designed for young researchers in academia and research institutions (i.e., research foundations and centres, think tanks and policy research settings), and young professionals working in government. This event offers a distinctive platform and a unique opportunity for youth to share perspectives on current trade and gender matters while fostering connections and interaction with global stakeholders, WTO Members, and esteemed senior researchers in the field. Additionally, participants will have the advantage

¹ The age limit may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, for nominees that show outstanding initiative or have taken a career break. The request for the exception should be included in the motivation letter.

of accessing technical assistance and capacity-building sessions, further enriching their experience.

The WTO and the WTO Gender Research Hub are actively seeking nominations from WTO Members and Observers, as well as academic and research institutions (i.e., think tanks, research foundations and centres, policy research settings, etc), to nominate candidates for participating in the Youth Summit.

Nomination criteria

- Nominees must be between 20 and 35 years old.
- Nominees must show their current work on trade and gender, or their interest in including trade and gender issues in their current work.
- Nominees must provide a motivation letter and complete the application form.
- Nominees must be endorsed by their academic and research institutions (i.e., think tanks, research foundations and centres, policy research settings, etc), or government.
- Nominees' travel costs and expenses to participate in the Summit must be funded by their academic and research institutions (i.e., think tanks, research foundations and centres, policy research settings etc), or government.

Selection process

Nominations from governmental institutions may be made by delegates, ambassadors or officers working in Ministries.

Nominations from academic/research institutions may be made by legal representatives.

Governmental and academic/research institutions are invited to submit nominations by sending the nominee's application form to WTO's Trade and Gender Office at trade-gender@wto.org

This call for nominations is being sent to WTO Members and Observers, as well as academic and research institutions. A total of 50 nominees will be selected by members of the WTO Gender Research Hub to participate in the Youth Trade Summit on Gender at the WTO.

Deadline

The call for nominations is open until 12 September 2023 at 23:59 CET.

Contact

For enquiries about the call for nominations for the Youth Trade Summit on Gender, please contact WTO's Trade and Gender Office at trade-gender@wto.org.