

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



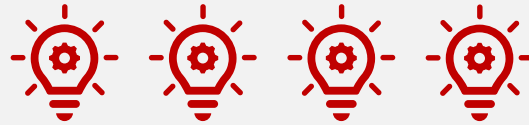
WTO Negotiations



**Joint Statement
Initiatives**

Scope of Project

Four Issues



Gender lens analytical
framework may cover:

Negotiation Process,
if relevant

Text

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:

Likely impact of selected issue on gender equality and women's economic empowerment

Extent and nature of sex-disaggregated data collection required to facilitate analysis of gendered impact of the selected issue

Interventions that could amplify the benefits and mitigate harmful effects for women

Suggestions to strengthen consultation mechanisms for relevant stakeholders

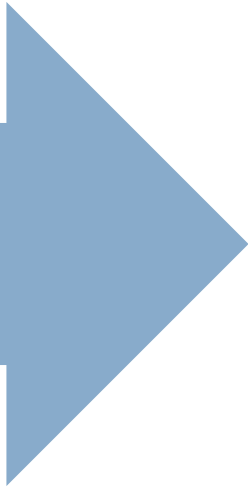
Complementary policies or programmes to maximize the gender benefits and minimize anticipated social or economic dislocation of women

Mechanisms to ensure consistency of country's gender equality commitments to national, regional, or international conventions

Implementation Plan



Implementation Timeline



JUL – SEP 21	SEP – NOV 21	NOV – APR 22	JAN – APR 22	MAY – JUN 22
Select WTO functions, agreements, negotiations, JSIs, etc for analysis	Develop a gender-lens analytical framework to be used as a basis for subsequent work	Prepare 4 analytical briefs to apply the framework to specific WTO functions, agreements, negotiations, etc.	Conduct 4 workshops to discuss analysis and recommendations	Finalise a summary report with key findings and recommendations

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