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WORKSHOP SERIES ON TRADE AGREEMENTS:

Exploring the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for
Trans-Pacific Partnership

14, 17, 21, 28 JUNE 2021

OFFICIAL
INVITATION

About CPA UK

CPA UK supports and strengthens parliamentary democracy throughout the Commonwealth. We focus on key priority themes including women in parliament, modern slavery, financial oversight, security, and trade.

Peer to peer learning is central to the way CPA UK works. By bringing together UK and Commonwealth parliamentarians and officials to share knowledge and learn from each other, CPA UK aims to improve parliamentary oversight, scrutiny, and representation. We are located in, and funded by, the UK Parliament.

Our Vision

Inclusive, representative and transparent Commonwealth Parliaments that are fully effective in enforcing the accountability of the executive and representing the interests and concerns of the electorate.

Our Purpose

To learn from and strengthen Commonwealth parliaments to deliver effective oversight, scrutiny and representation.



Trade Workshop Series CPTPP

Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

CPTPP is a free trade agreement initiated in 2018, involving 11 countries in the Pacific region: New Zealand, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam.

The UK Government formally applied to join this agreement in February 2021.

CPA UK are delighted to invite you to attend our five-session workshop series on Trade Agreements, taking place in June 2021 on the following four dates:

- Monday 14 June (TBC)
- Thursday 17 June
- Monday 21 June
- Monday 28 June

Using the CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership) as a case study, CPA UK's virtual workshop series aims to equip parliamentarians and clerks with the tools to scrutinise and negotiate trade agreements effectively.

During each workshop, politicians, officials, and other experts from Commonwealth countries already part of CPTPP will answer questions about CPTPP and share their experiences of scrutinising or negotiating successful deals.



Discussions will focus on the following areas:

- 14 June - The UK's application to CPTPP
- 17 June - Negotiating Trade Agreements
- 21 June - Scrutinising Trade Agreements
- 28 June Part 1 - CPTPP and Agriculture
- 28 June Part 2 - CPTPP and Creative Industries

Legislatures are invited to send a maximum of two parliamentarians and one official to each workshop in this series. To book your places, please follow the application procedure outlined on page four. All nominations should be submitted by 10 May 2021 via email or using our online form.

My colleagues and I look forward to welcoming you to the workshops in June 2021.

With best wishes,



Jon Davies
Chief Executive, CPA UK



Application Process

Places per legislature

1.01. Legislatures may apply for places for a maximum of two parliamentarians and one official per session. To apply for places, please email cpauk@parliament.uk or complete the online expression of interest form on the CPA UK website no later than 10 May 2021.

1.02 Due to high demand, any applications received after the stated deadline will be held in reserve.

Nomination Criteria

2.01. When selecting participants for nomination, applicants are requested to meet the following criteria:

a) To ensure maximum impact, nominees should have a demonstrable interest in trade. Priority will be given to parliamentarians who sit on relevant trade committees or who have other experience in the area.

b) . Legislatures are encouraged to ensure there is a gender balance through their nominations.

b) It is CPA UK policy to encourage broad participation in its events. Where possible (and in the context of the above criteria) please nominate parliamentarians from both government/ majority parties and opposition/ minority parties, and consider youth representation when nominating.

2.02 To increase the chance of selection, please ensure that the above criteria have been considered before providing a nomination.

Acceptance of Participant places

3.01. CPA UK will inform legislatures of the outcome of the application and selected participants by the close of business on 28 May 2021.

Funding

4.01 As these workshops are virtual, there will be minimal costs and therefore no funding assistance provided for attendees.

4.02 If it is anticipated that your legislature will require support to cover certain aspects of your delegation's participation in the workshops, such as upgrading broadband, or access to IT equipment, please notify the team as soon as possible and they will endeavour to find a solution where possible.

Withdrawals/ Cancellations/ Liabilities

5.01 Legislatures are requested to inform CPA UK immediately if a delegate cancels, or if for any reason they will not be able to attend the workshops.

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Day 1 – Monday 14 June 2021

Setting the Scene

TIME	SESSION
1200 - 1220	<p>Welcome session</p> <p>This session will offer an introduction to the workshop series, its structure and the outcome and outputs.</p> <p>Jon Davies, <i>Chief Executive, CPA UK</i> Elorm Haligah, <i>International Trade thematic lead, CPA UK</i></p>
1220- 1330	<p>Multilateral Trade Agreements: Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p>This part of the workshop series will look at the history of multilateral trade agreements, explore its benefits and look at some of the challenges that lie ahead for the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. This will be a panel discussion followed by Q&A.</p>

Day 2 – Thursday 17 June 2021

Negotiation Trade Agreements

TIME	SESSION
1200 – 1330	<p>Negotiation of Trade Agreements</p> <p>In the UK, the negotiation and ratification of international trade agreements falls under the Royal Prerogative – the making of international treaties is one of the few actions that Ministers can take without the approval of Parliament. This therefore makes the role of parliamentarians integral to this process. This part of the workshop series will look at the key elements of trade negotiations and how to effectively negotiate a trade deal. It will touch on how deals have been negotiated in the past the role Brexit and COVID 19 have played in the CPTPP negotiation stages.</p>

Day 3 - Monday 21 June 2021

Scrutiny of Trade Agreements

TIME

SESSION

1200-1330

Scrutinising Trade Agreements

One of the main roles of parliaments is to scrutinise any implementing legislation. In the context of trade agreements this usually takes place where amendments to primary legislation is necessary. This session will draw on the experience of parliamentarians and officials from across CPTPP, who will share some key tips on scrutinising trade deals, highlighting some challenges and how to work around them.

Day 4 – Monday 28 June 2021

CPTPP Agriculture and Creative industries

TIME

SESSION

1200-1300

CPTPP and agriculture

Certain CPTPP countries, including Canada, have maintained tariffs on sensitive agricultural areas, such as the dairy industry. This session examines the benefits and risks of joining CPTPP from an agricultural perspective. Delegates have the chance to ask about the process of negotiating specific exceptions for local farming industries. Delegates will also be able to discuss the challenge of maintaining high standards of food safety and animal welfare, given that CPTPP member countries are not all subject to the same regulations.

1300-1400

CPTPP and Creative industries

With 60% of the Commonwealth with its population under the age of 30, the creative industries are key to the economies of the Commonwealth. This includes sectors such as music, radio, TV, visual arts, photography, crafts, and design. Intellectual property is a vital aspect to consider when it comes to free trade agreements and creative industries. This session will look at CPTPP's approach to intellectual property and give delegates an opportunity to share good practice on this topic.

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