

Youth Trade Summit on Gender Recommendations and pledges taken by the Summit delegates 14 November 2023

Background information

As part of their tasks withing their working groups, the Summit delegates were asked to a develop one recommendation to the WTO, its members, and/or its secretariat on what more could be done on trade and gender or how differently could the WTO handle the issues related to trade and gender. To guide Summit delegates in drafting this recommendation, they could answer the following question: How would you like to see the issue of trade and gender evolve in the WTO in the future?

They were also asked to develop one pledge collectively for each member of the working group to implement after the Summit (<u>on voluntary basis</u>). Summit delegates that would have taken the pledge will be invited to present their achievements in implementing the pledge at the 2nd edition of the World Trade Congress on Gender. To guide Summit delegates in drafting this pledge, they could answer the following question: As a young professional, what positive



Recommendation 6: In appreciation of the database on gender provisions in RTAs and the Trade4MSMEs website, we recommend the WTO Secretariat build a platform for sharing information containing policies, financing options, technical assistance, capacity building, research, and programs supporting communities that face gender-based barriers in international trade.

Pledges

Pledge 1: We pledge to map existing initiatives relating to women's empowerment in our institutions and to actively promote them; if there are no such initiatives, we pledge to advocate for the introduction of one such initiative.

Pledge 2: Create a shared blog