

PRESS RELEASE

2ND DGTO CONSULTATIVE SESSION

CAPACITY BUILDING OF SECRETARY GENERALS AND OFFICE BEARERS

OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS (TOs)

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The Directorate General of Trade Organization (DGTO) Ministry of Commerce & Textiles Division, in collaboration with Licensed Trade Organizations of Pakistan will organize the 2nd DGTO Consultative Session on “Capacity Building of Secretary Generals and Office Bearers of Trade Organizations (TOs) on April 6, 2018 at a local hotel in Islamabad.

Pakistan Overseas Employment Promoters Association (POEPA), as Coordinating Trade Organization (CTO) will coordinate the event to be participated by fifteen (15) Trade Associations and nine (09) Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Northern Zone (Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, AJK, Northern Areas and Islamabad Capital Territory).

The participating Secretary Generals and Office Bearers of 24 trade bodies representing business communities include Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Chakwal, Gilgit, Haripur, Jhang, Jhelum, Mardan, Mirpur (AJK), Sargodha and Swabi along with Associations representing sectors such as Petroleum Exploration, ICT, Surgical Instruments, Pharmaceuticals, Garments, Overseas Employment Promoters, Edible oils, Livestock and Gemstones. (List enclosed)

Chairman, Pakistan Readymade Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PRGMEA), Shaikh Muhammad Shafiq has been invited as Chief Guest for the opening ceremony. Plan of Activities of PRGMEA, as a licensed trade body will be highlighted in the Session for enhanced collaboration among participating Chambers and Associations

The Consultative Sessions are designed to enhance awareness on Trade Organizations Act 2013 and Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 under which trade bodies in Pakistan are granted licenses to undertake activities in their specified area of jurisdiction. Legal aspects for TOs to function as legitimate trade bodies particularly, the provisions relating to licensing, post-licensing, renewals and conduct of annual elections will be shared with participants representing 24 TOs.

Besides better compliance of regulations by licensed TOs, the platform offers opportunities for private sector trade bodies to engage more actively in areas of trade, industry and services for the development and promotion of sectors and regions in line with their declared objectives.

The Technical Session to be addressed by the officers of Regulator TOs include Performance of Trade Organizations in Pakistan, Regulatory Compliance of Trade Organization Act 2103, Role and Responsibilities of Secretary Generals and Office Bearers of TOs.

The Regulator TOs has directed selected Chambers and Associations for confirmation of participation along with regional/sectoral briefs for the Working Paper of the Session by March 30, 2018.
