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Nepal Takes Part in its Third Trade Policy Review at WTO in Geneva

Nepal took part in its third Trade Policy Review (TPR) at WTO in Geneva today.

Nepal reaffirmed its commitment to the rules-based multilateral trading system, shared the institutional, legal and policy reforms carried in the areas of trade and investment since 2018, and highlighted the measures undertaken to promote women and youth entrepreneurship, build climate resilience trade infrastructures, and attract investments to the country.

A total of 42 WTO Members, including Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Canada, Cambodia, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, EU, Gambia, Guatemala, Hong Kong-China, Iceland, India, Japan, Jamaica, Jordan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Morocco, Mongolia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Türkiye, Tanzania, Thailand, UAE, UK, USA, and Zambia, participated in the review process. Seventeen WTO Members had submitted over 187 questions to Nepal in advance. Members commended Nepal for its active engagement in the multilateral trading system, for the ratification of the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies and efforts to graduate from the LDC status in 2026.

The WTO's Trade Policy Review is an important transparency mechanism, in which participating Members showcase their trade policies and practices as multilateral peer review exercise to enhance understanding, promote accountability, and strengthen the multilateral trading system. It serves as a platform for collective evaluation, knowledge sharing, and policy feedback among WTO Members.

The meeting was Chaired by Ambassador Kairat Torebayev of Kazakhstan while Ambassador Mr. NAGAI Katsuro (Japan) served as discussant.

The Nepali delegation led by Dr. Ram Prasad Ghimire, Secretary of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, comprised His Excellency Ambassador Ram Prasad Subedi, and the officials from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, as well as the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations, WTO and other International Organizations in Geneva. Nepal's Trade Policy Review is scheduled to conclude on 19 November 2025.

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