

THE BRIEF PRESENTATION BY THE WCP CHAIR PROGRAMME BY
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WTO Director General Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi, Honourable guests, Ladies and Gentlemen the then Department of Economics, University of Nairobi was honoured to sign a collaborative memorandum of understanding with the WTO between 2001 – 2004.

This was to coordinate Regional Training Programme of the English speaking African countries on related issues and negotiations for three years.

Indeed, by the WTO Ministerial Conference in 2005, we had trained slightly more than 95 experts on trade negotiations. We are glad that the WTO honoured the Department and the University with this responsibility.

After the regional training course, the School of Economics established a Master's Programme on the Economics of Multilateral Trading Systems from 2006.

In 2010 we felt even more honoured to have been awarded with the WTO chair in the East African region. 100 institutions competed for this programme and only 14 were awarded.

As the WCP Chair holder, may I thank you greatly for according us such an honour.

Mr. Director General, Mr. Vice Chancellor, Director, School of Economics, Please allow me to call upon Professor Tabitha Kiriti-Ng'ang'a as the one in charge of research activities in our programme, to highlight our activities to-date. Professor Tabitha Kiriti-Ng'an'ga.