

# **The 3<sup>rd</sup> “My Proposal for WTO Reform”**

## **Award-winning Competition is Now Open!**

### **I. Introduction**

Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (SUIBE) and University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), as WTO Chairs, jointly launched the 1<sup>st</sup> “My Proposal for WTO Reform” Award-winning Competition in 2023. The competition has since been successfully held for two consecutive years. Now the 3<sup>rd</sup> “My Proposal for WTO Reform” Award-winning Competition is officially open. The competition is held under the guidance of the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China, jointly organized by SUIBE and UIBE, and co-hosted by the School of Global Governance and the WTO Chair Institute-China of SUIBE, and the China Institute for WTO Studies of UIBE.

### **II. Call for Proposals**

#### **Eligibility:**

The competition is open to faculty members, researchers, experts and scholars from universities, research institutions, and other organizations at home and abroad. Young scholars and current undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students are especially encouraged to submit.

#### **Submission Requirements:**

##### 1. Topic Focus

Submissions must focus on WTO reform. Contributors are encouraged to develop their proposals around one primary theme, selected from the following indicative list:

- (1) Reform of WTO negotiation and decision-making mechanisms
- (2) WTO development-related issues
- (3) The Most-Favored-Nation (MFN) principle
- (4) Security exceptions
- (5) Artificial intelligence and international trade rules
- (6) Fair competition and industrial policy
- (7) Overcapacity and production concentration
- (8) Economic security and supply chain resilience
- (9) Global trade balance

## 2. Format and Length

Submissions must be written in English and presented in the form of a policy proposal (rather than an academic paper). The abstract should not exceed 300 words, and the full text should not exceed 3,000 words. (For the submission format, please refer to Appendix 1.)

## 3. Substantive Requirements

Proposals should have clear viewpoints, sufficient arguments, rigorous structure, and concise language.

## 4. Originality and Academic Integrity

All submissions must be original, unpublished, and not previously disseminated through any public platforms. Authors are required to strictly adhere to standards of academic integrity. Plagiarism and AI-generated content are strictly prohibited. Contributors are required to sign a Declaration of Originality and Non-AI Generated Content. (see Appendix 2)

## III. Timeline

**Abstract Submission Deadline:** January 31, 2026 (Beijing Time, GMT+8)

**Full Proposal Submission Deadline:** February 28, 2026 (Beijing Time, GMT+8)

**Announcement of Award Winners:** By March 31, 2026 (Beijing Time, GMT+8)

**Award Ceremony and WTO Reform Thematic Seminar:** Late April 2026

Award winners will be invited to attend the Award Ceremony and WTO Reform Thematic Seminar. For overseas award winners invited to attend the Award Ceremony and WTO Reform Thematic Seminar, the organizers will cover local expenses such as accommodation and catering.

## IV. Submission Procedure

Proposals should be submitted by email to **wtoreform@163.com**. Each submission must include **one Word version and one PDF version** of the manuscript.

Please name the email subject and submission document in the format "Name-Affiliation-Title of Submission".

Each submission must be accompanied by a **signed Declaration of Originality and Non-AI Generated Content** (see Appendix 2).

The **first page** of the proposal should clearly indicate:

- Title of the proposal
- Author's full name
- Institutional affiliation
- Country/Region
- Detailed contact information, including mailing address, telephone number, and email address

## **V. Awards**

The competition offers the following prizes:

**First Prize:** 3 winners, RMB 10,000 each

**Second Prize:** 6 winners, RMB 5,000 each

**Third Prize:** 10 winners, RMB 1,000 each

**Several Merit Awards** (number to be determined)

A panel of distinguished experts will be convened to evaluate submissions and select award winners strictly based on the quality of the proposals.

## **VI. Contact Information**

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## Appendix 1

### Reference Format

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### Abstract

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*Note: This format is for reference only. Authors may adjust the structure as appropriate to their chosen topic*

## Appendix 2

### Declaration of Originality and Non-AI Generated Content

I hereby solemnly declare that the submitted proposal (*Title of the Submission*) is entirely my original work. No AI-generated tools (including large language models, AI writing software, etc.) were used in its creation, and no plagiarism or misappropriation of others' work was involved. If this declaration is violated, I voluntarily waive my eligibility to participate in the competition and assume corresponding responsibilities.

**Declarant:** \_\_\_\_\_ (*Signature*)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (*Day/ Month / Year*)