







WTO Director-General Selection

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The current Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Mr. Pascal Lamy, whose second term will end on 31 August 2013, is the fifth and the sixth Director-General of the WTO since 1 September 2005 (four years/term).

In line with WTO procedures for appointment of the Director-General, the nomination period was closed on 31 December 2012. The nine candidates, nominated by their governments to campaign to succeed the current Director-General, are as follows:

Items	Candidates	Members	Photos
1	Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen	Ghana	
2	Ms. Anabel González	Costa Rica	
3	Ms. Amina C. Mohamed	Kenya	
4	Mr. Ahmad Thougan Hindawi	Jordan	
5	Ms. Mari Elka Pangestu	Indonesia	
6	Mr. Tim Groser	New Zealand	

7	Mr. Herminio Blanco	Mexico	
8	Mr. Taeho Bark	Republic of Korea	
9	Mr. Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo	Brazil	

A formal General Council meeting was held on 29 January 2013 where candidates presented themselves to the membership. As of now, the candidates from Indonesia, New Zealand, Mexico, the Republic of Korea and Brazil have advanced to the second round. Consultations for the second round began on 16 April 2013. A final decision on the next Director General is due by 31 May 2013, and the new Director-General will take office on 1 September 2013.