

Leading Candidates for WTO Director-General Call for Reforms

It's the final countdown...to choose the next Director-General of the World Trade Organization.

Last week, the WTO announced two finalists, South Korean Minister of Trade Yoo Myung-hee and former Nigerian Finance Minister Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala. The Chamber's International Division recently hosted Yoo and Okonjo-Iweala for conversations with members, and we were pleased to hear both [call for reforms](#) – an issue the Chamber has long supported.

The process has also delivered a major milestone. Whichever candidate is announced in early November, a woman will hold the WTO's top job for the first time in the organization's 25-year history.

Women's economic participation can play a powerful role in driving economic growth and strengthening trade ties with our partners. That knowledge inspired the Chamber's [U.S.-Gulf Cooperation Countries \(GCC\) Business Initiative](#) to launch a new series on Women's Empowerment last month.

Women's Empowerment in the Gulf: American companies are playing a key role in engaging women in the Middle East. The series highlights the pioneering actions and innovative ideas that member companies are advancing to empower, employ, and train women, as well as increase the number of women in leadership positions throughout the Arab Gulf.

Watch the webinars:

- [Professional Development and Leadership](#) (Sept 28)
- [Entrepreneurship](#) (Oct 13)

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