# THE WTO MSME INFORMAL WORKING GROUP

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# WTO MSME Informal

# Working

Group

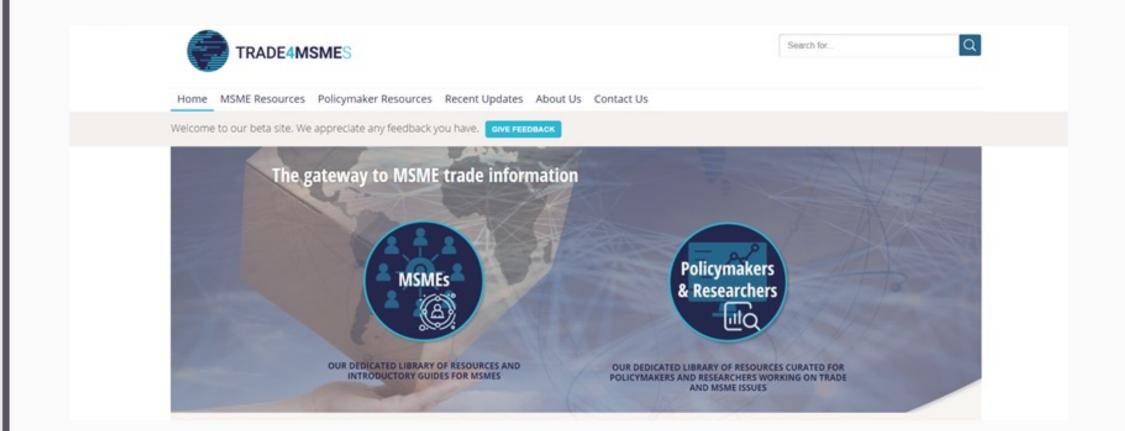
Launched in December 2017 (WT/MIN(17)/58/Rev.1)

#### 88 members in 2017 – 94 now

#### Dbjective: To support MSMEs in international trade

- Through soft law (non-binding recommendations)
- > Through existing WTO bodies, where relevant
- > Through concrete tools
- > By being an **incubator** of new ideas
- "Right to experiment"
- Through exchange of information on MSMErelated discussions (internally, with other organizations)

### Trade4MSMEs Online Platform



#### Trade4MSMEs Network

Launched on 8 June 2022

16 International Organizations (continued outreach)

#### **Annual meetings**

- To ensure Trade4MSMEs website is current
- Learn what others have undertaken
- Foster collaboration

### MC12 and

### What's Next

MC12 Outcome Document (WT/MIN(22)/4)

Highlighted the Group's 2020 Package of 6 Recommendations and Declarations (INF/MSME/4)

Noted several members' 14 May 2020 "Statement on highlighting the importance of MSMEs in the time of COVID-19" (WT/GC/215)

Going forward the WTO MSME Group will explore new issues

#### Thank you

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