



# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## **ADVANCED COURSE ON ANALYZING TRADE IN SERVICES (in English)\***

**Geneva, 4-7 June 2024**

### **Invitation to present candidates**

The WTO Secretariat is organizing an Advanced Course on Analyzing Trade in Services (in English) from 4 to 7 June 2024 in Geneva. The Course is a "Level 3" specialized training activity implemented within the WTO progressive learning framework, and it represents the highest level of learning among WTO training activities.<sup>1</sup>

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the advanced course are to:

- strengthen participants' knowledge base of trade in services policy analytical tools (ITIP Services, Services Trade Policy Database, STRI, services regulatory surveys);
- deepen participants' understanding of trade in services and digital trade statistical frameworks, as well as knowledge of statistical databases; and
- improve participants' ability to analyse and use the results published in trade in services analytical tools and statistical databases.

The course will be delivered through a mix of lectures, interactive exercises, case-studies, and peer learning.

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<sup>1</sup> For further details about the WTO Progressive Learning Strategy see the Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2024-2025 (WT/COMTD/W/273 and WT/COMTD/W/273/Corr.1). The TA Plan can also be accessed through the following URL link: [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/devel\\_e/teccop\\_e/tct\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/teccop_e/tct_e.htm).

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## INVITATION TO PROPOSE CANDIDATES & CANDIDATE PROFILE

The course is targeted at government officials at mid- to senior-level with at least two years of relevant work experience who are directly involved in the formulation of trade in services policy and/or the conduct of multilateral or preferential services negotiations. It is also targeted to trade analysts and capital - based trade in services experts supporting the formulation of policies or negotiations.

The Governments of Members and Observers to the WTO, which are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to submit the names of **up to two officials** meeting the requirements set out below, for consideration in the selection process.

Candidates are required to have an advanced understanding of the General Agreement on Trade in Services. They should be willing to share experiences, prepare short contributions, and participate actively in all sessions.

Candidates should have completed a WTO training activity (E-Learning<sup>2</sup> or a face-to-face/virtual course) on trade in services or have demonstrably commensurate knowledge or professional experience. A passport photocopy and one-page CV must be attached to the application. Candidates should also possess an excellent ability to communicate in English both orally and in writing.

### COSTS COVERED FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

The Secretariat of the WTO makes available thirty (30) fellowships for this activity. Each fellowship covers the following: a round trip airplane ticket in economy class; daily subsistence allowance; a terminal expenses allowance; and accommodation for the duration of the course.

..... The attached Application Form must be returned, completed and signed by the candidate as well as by the nominating national authority which presents the candidate, **via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO, at the latest by 25 April 2024.** Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. Additional administrative information, travel details and ticket will be sent shortly after the selection has taken place.

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel this activity in the event of force majeure or other reasons that render the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

### **\*Français/Español**

*L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un cours avancé sur l'analyse du commerce des services, à Genève, du 4 au 7 juin 2024. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature sont distribués en anglais uniquement.*

*La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza un Curso avanzado sobre análisis del comercio de servicios, en Ginebra, del 4 al 7 de junio de 2024. Este curso se impartirá en inglés, por lo que la invitación y el formulario de candidatura se distribuirán en inglés solamente.*

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<sup>2</sup> Please visit the E-Learning website, where you will find information about online courses at <https://www.learning.wto.org/> or you can also contact [ellearning@wto.org](mailto:ellearning@wto.org)