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2017 WTO ADVANCED TRADE POLICY COURSE (in English)*

Geneva, Switzerland

2 October – 24 November 2017

Invitation to present candidates

The Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation is organizing the 2017 WTO Advanced Trade Policy Course (ATPC) in English from 2 October to 24 November 2017 in Geneva. The ATPC is a "Level 3" training activity implemented within the WTO progressive learning framework and it represents the highest level of learning among WTO training activities.¹

The purpose of the ATPC is to develop participants' autonomy in conducting WTO-related work by: (i) encouraging critical thinking to explore the linkages between WTO rules and disciplines and countries' trade policies and interests in the multilateral trading system; and (ii) enhancing analytical and negotiating skills to engage in trade policy formulation and implementation, monitoring and surveillance, WTO negotiations or dispute settlement. Both legal and economic aspects of WTO rules and disciplines will be examined in a series of interactive sessions focussing on case studies, simulations and exercises, including hands-on use of WTO databases and analytical tools available online. Roundtable discussions will provide a platform for practical exchanges, sharing of experiences and best practices as well as debating present-day trade topics.

The course is targeted at officials who are directly involved in WTO-related work and who already possess a sound knowledge of the general features of the WTO system and the WTO Agreements. Due to the applied nature of the ATPC, participants are expected to be actively involved throughout the course to further consolidate their knowledge and develop new skills through practice and case-based learning.

All Members and Observers to the WTO, which are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to present candidates to participate in this course. Eligible candidates should have completed a "Level 2" Generalist path WTO training activity.² In exceptional circumstances consideration will be given to candidates who do not meet the aforementioned criteria but who possess knowledge or professional experience that is demonstrably commensurate with the course's requirements. The ability to effectively communicate in English both orally and in writing is essential.

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¹ For further details about the WTO progressive learning strategy, see the WTO Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2016-2017 (WT/COMTD/W/211). 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.

² Level 2 Generalist path activities include: Geneva-based Trade Policy Course; Regional Trade Policy Course; WTO E-Learning course on the Multilateral Trade Agreements and the WTO.

The Secretariat of the WTO makes available twenty eight (28) 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. Up to five additional applicants may participate in this activity at their own expense if space and other considerations make this feasible.

..... 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 Friday, 21 July 2017**. 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 de politique commerciale de 2 mois à l'OMC, à Genève, du 2 octobre au 24 novembre 2017. 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 de política comercial de dos meses en Ginebra, del 2 de octubre al 24 de noviembre de 2017. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.