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ADVANCED COURSE ON WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (IN ENGLISH)

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 2-6 DECEMBER 2019

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing an Advanced Course on WTO Dispute Settlement (DS) in English. This course will take place at the WTO Headquarters in Geneva, from 2-6 December 2019. This course aims to consolidate the participants' knowledge and understanding of the WTO dispute settlement system. A team of WTO staff and external experts will engage with the participants through a series of presentations, exercises and interactive discussions.

Implemented within the WTO progressive learning framework, this one-week course represents the highest level of learning ("Level 3") among WTO training activities. Due to its advanced and specialized nature, the course is targeted at participants with direct responsibilities in WTO dispute settlement issues and who possess a sound knowledge of the general features of the WTO system and its dispute settlement mechanism in particular.

WTO Members and Observers eligible to benefit from WTO training and technical assistance activities are invited to present one or more candidates to participate in this course. Only candidates who satisfy the following criteria will be considered:

- a. The Course will be conducted in English. All-round proficiency in English is therefore an essential prerequisite for participation.
- b. Participants must possess a legal background and be directly involved at a technical, practical and/or policy level with WTO dispute settlement. Preference will be given to candidates who have already completed a "Level 2" WTO training activity, in particular the "Level 2 WTO thematic dispute settlement course" or who have commensurate knowledge or professional experience.

A selection process will be conducted to fill the **thirty** available spaces for government officials from beneficiary Members and Observers. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 27 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, this course is open to all interested Members and Observers. Up to **five** self-funded spots will be made available for government officials from developed WTO Members and Observers fulfilling the above criteria.

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An economy-class round-trip air ticket (excursion fare, if applicable), daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the activity only and terminal expenses will be provided to funded participants. Other administrative arrangements shall be communicated directly to the selected participants by the WTO in due course. Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. It is possible that advance preparatory reading material will be sent to participants. If this is the case, the Secretariat will inform participants as soon as possible.

..... 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, to the Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation** (e-mail: logistics@wto.org or fax No: +4122 / 739 57 24) **at the latest by 11 October 2019.**

In light of complex arrangements involved in the organization of these activities, we need to stress that beyond this deadline, the Secretariat would not be in a position to process the names of new participants.

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.

***Spanish/French**

La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza un curso temático avanzado de una semana sobre la solución de diferencias en la OMC, en Ginebra, del 2 al 6 de diciembre de 2019. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación serán distribuidos sólo en inglés.

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un cours thématique avancé d'une semaine sur le règlement des différends à l'OMC, à Genève, du 2 au 6 décembre 2019. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et les formulaires de candidature et de nomination sont distribués en anglais uniquement.