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2024 WTO ADVANCED TRADE POLICY COURSE (in English)* 14 October – 6 December 2024

Invitation to present candidates

The Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation is organizing a WTO Advanced Trade Policy Course (ATPC) in 2024, in English, from 14 October to 6 December 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland. 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.

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¹ For further details about the WTO Progressive Learning Strategy, see the Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2024-2025 (WT/COMTD/W/273), pp. 24-26. The TA Plan can also be accessed through the following URL link:

<https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/SS/directdoc.aspx?filename=q:/WT/COMTD/W273.pdf&Open=True>

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WTO Members and Observers to the WTO, eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to present up to 5 candidates to participate in this course. Eligible candidates should have completed a "Level 2" Generalist path WTO training activity² or, in exceptional circumstances, when they have not completed a Level 2 activity, have demonstrably commensurate knowledge or professional experience. They must also possess an excellent ability to communicate in English both orally and in writing.

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 02 August 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, if sufficient funding cannot be secured in time, or for any other reason that render its execution impracticable for the organizers.

***Français/Español**

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un cours avancé de politique commerciale à Genève, du 14 octobre au 6 décembre 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 de política comercial en Ginebra, del 14 de octubre al 6 de diciembre de 2024. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.

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