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Advanced Dispute Settlement Course (Virtual, in English)

6-10 December 2021 Invitation to present candidates

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing an **Advanced Dispute Settlement Course** in English. This course will take place **virtually** (via Zoom), **from 6 to 10 December 2021**. An indicative draft programme of the seminar is attached.

This course aims to consolidate the participants' knowledge and understanding of the WTO dispute settlement system. A team of WTO staff 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 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.

..... The attached Application Form should be submitted along with a recent CV detailing the participant's knowledge and experience in WTO dispute settlement. A selection process will be conducted to fill the available spaces for government officials from 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.

..... 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.unit@wto.org) **no later than 19 November 2021.**

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.

***Español/Français**

La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza un curso temático avanzado de una semana sobre la solución de diferencias en la OMC, del 6 al 10 de diciembre de 2021. 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, du 6 au 10 décembre 2021. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et les formulaires de candidature et de nomination sont distribués en anglais uniquement.