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**THEMATIC COURSE ON TRADE IN VALUE ADDED STATISTICS AND GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS  
(IN ENGLISH)\***

**Geneva, 24 to 28 September 2018**

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization is organizing a **Thematic Course on Trade in Value Added Statistics and Global Value Chains at the WTO in Geneva, from 24 to 28 September 2018.**

The course is targeted at trade statisticians and economist-statisticians involved in the compilation of trade-related statistics and/or the analysis of international trade, working in customs office, national statistical office, trade ministry or in another relevant body. Candidates must possess an excellent ability to communicate in English, both orally and in writing, and demonstrated knowledge and professional experience in the field of trade statistics. An extensive experience in Excel software is required for hands-on exercises and also in the use of online statistical databases.

The course will address the concept and statistical approach of Trade in Value Added (TiVA) as well as the different ways to assess the impact of Global Value Chains (GVCs) on trade. Individual sessions will be devoted to the role of the WTO to foster the integration of developing economies in GVCs and the key policy messages arising from TiVA. While the main part of the course will focus on the statistics and methodology underlying TiVA data and the presentation of TiVA-GVC indicators most commonly used for trade analysis. Participants are expected to be active in sharing their experience, debating on statistical issues and ready to expand their knowledge and develop new skills.

Your government is invited to present two candidates to be considered for participation in this activity. Preference will be given to candidates having successfully completed the WTO e-learning course "Introduction to the WTO" (see <https://ecampus.wto.org/search.asp?lang=En>).

The Secretariat of the WTO will make available 30 fellowships for this activity. Each fellowship covers a round trip airplane ticket in economy class, Daily Subsistence Allowance, a Terminal Expenses Allowance, and lodging 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 6 July 2018.**

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Selected participants will receive directly the confirmation of their selection, additional administrative information, a questionnaire for completion and their travel details and ticket, 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/Espagnol**

\* L'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce organise un cours thématique sur les "Statistiques du commerce en valeur ajoutée et les chaînes de valeur globales" qui se déroulera à l'OMC, à Genève, du 24 au 28 Septembre 2018. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et les formulaires de candidature et de nomination sont distribués en anglais uniquement.

\* La Organización Mundial del Comercio organiza un curso sobre las "Estadísticas del comercio en valor añadido y cadenas de valor mundiales" en la OMC, en Ginebra, del 24 al 28 Septiembre 2018. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación serán distribuidos sólo en inglés.