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Advanced Course on WTO Dispute Settlement (in English)*

25-29 November 2024 Invitation to present candidates

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing an Advanced Course on WTO Dispute Settlement (ACDS) in English. This course will take place at the WTO Headquarters in Geneva, from 25-29 November 2024. This course aims to deepen and consolidate the participants' knowledge and understanding of the WTO dispute settlement system. A team of WTO staff and private practitioners or academic 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 who possess a sound knowledge of the general features of the WTO system and its dispute settlement mechanism in particular. This year's course will be aimed at participants with direct responsibilities in WTO dispute settlement issues.

WTO Members and Observers are invited to present up to two 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.

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..... 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 **thirty** (30) available spaces for government officials from Members and Observers.

Pursuant to Article 27.3 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, this course is open to all interested Members and Observers.

Participants from Members or Observers that are eligible for funded trade-related technical assistance will receive an economy-class round-trip air ticket (excursion fare, if applicable), daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the activity; a terminal expenses allowance; and accommodation for the duration of the course. Participants from Members or Observers that are not eligible for funded trade-related technical assistance will have to self-fund their participation.

Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. Other administrative arrangements will be communicated directly to the selected participants by the WTO after the conclusion of the selection process. It is possible that preparatory reading material will be sent to participants in advance.

..... The attached application form must be completed and signed by the candidate, validated by the national authority proposing the candidate, and submitted **via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO, to the Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation** (e-mail: logistics@wto.org) **at the latest by Friday, 9 AUGUST 2024.**

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 25 al 29 de noviembre de 2024. 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 25 au 29 novembre 2024. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et les formulaires de candidature et de nomination sont distribués en anglais uniquement.