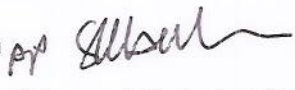




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## WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON THE TBT AGREEMENT (in English)\*

*Geneva, Switzerland*

*12 - 23 March 2018*

The WTO Secretariat is organizing an Advanced Course on the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement) in English from 12 to 23 March in Geneva. The two-week course 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.<sup>1</sup>

The objectives of the advanced course are to:

- Consolidate participants' knowledge of the provisions of the TBT Agreement;
- Strengthen their capacity to engage in the work of the TBT Committee;
- Facilitate the use of online tools to access and manage TBT-related information;
- Establish and/or strengthen participants' network of contacts in the TBT area.

The programme of the course will cover topics such as setting regulations and standards, transparency, conformity assessment and addressing TBT-related trade concerns. The course will be delivered through a mix of presentations, interactive exercises, discussions, case studies and peer-learning. Participants are expected to be involved actively throughout the course and will also be collaborating in small groups on a project to be presented at the end of the course. During the second week, the participants will also attend parts of the TBT Committee meeting to observe how the Committee works in practice, what the rules and procedures are and how they can themselves participate more actively in its proceedings.

The Governments of Members and Observers to the WTO, which are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to present candidates to participate in this course. The Secretariat of the WTO makes available twenty eight (28) 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.

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<sup>1</sup> For further details about the WTO progressive learning strategy see the WTO Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2018 – 2019 (WT/COMTD/W/227rev.1). The TA Plan can also be accessed through the following URL link: [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/devel\\_e/teccop\\_e/tct\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/teccop_e/tct_e.htm)

The selection criteria are the following:

- Sound knowledge of the general features of the WTO system and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade ("TBT Agreement") and direct involvement at a technical, practical and/or policy level with the implementation of the TBT Agreement. Preference will be given to candidates who have completed the WTO on-line e-learning course on the TBT Agreement (further information at <https://ecampus.wto.org/>) or who have demonstrably commensurate knowledge or professional experience.
- The ability to effectively communicate in English both orally and in writing is essential.

..... The attached Application Form (together with a one-page CV) 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 Wednesday, 5 JANUARY 2018**. 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 or other reasons that render the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

**\*Français/Español**

L'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce organise un cours avancé sur l'Accord OTC (Obstacles Techniques au Commerce), à Genève, du 12 au 23 mars 2018. 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 dedicado al acuerdo OTC (Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio) en Ginebra, del 12 al 23 de marzo de 2018. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.