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2024 WTO ADVANCED THEMATIC COURSE ON TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT (in English)* 2 December – 13 December 2024

Invitation to present candidates

The WTO Secretariat is organizing an Advanced Thematic Course on Trade and Environment in English from 2 to 13 December 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland. The Course is a "Level 3" specialized training activity implemented within the WTO progressive learning framework, and it represents the highest level of learning among WTO training activities.¹

The envisaged objectives of the Course for the participants are to obtain: (i) a good understanding of the nexus between trade and environment; (ii) a good practical and pragmatic idea, comfort, and confidence in engaging on the issues of trade and environment in the WTO, for example in the Committee on Trade and Environment; and (iii) a trusted network to contact when they need to seek expertise from the participants, trainers, and external experts.

The Course targets government officials directly involved in WTO-related work who already know the WTO system's general features. Notably, the Course is designed to strive to ensure a diverse and knowledgeable group of attendees under the given nature of the nexus between trade and environment. As the Course aims to foster inter-ministerial collaboration, bridge gaps, and enhance coordination between trade and environmental policies, it is encouraged to nominate candidates from various Ministries, such as the Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Environment, and other relevant Ministries and authorities with mandates working on cross-cutting trade and environment issues. Due to the applied nature of the Course, participants are expected to be actively involved throughout the course to consolidate their knowledge further 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>

The Governments of Members and Observers to the WTO, eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to present up to 2 candidates to participate in this Course. Eligible candidates should have at least 3 years of professional experience in trade, environment, or related fields and demonstrate involvement in policymaking or implementation in trade or environmental areas. 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 Friday 13th September 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 renders the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

***Français/Español**

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un cours thématique avancé sur le commerce et l'environnement à Genève, du 2 au 13 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 temático avanzado sobre comercio y medio ambiente en Ginebra, del 2 al 13 de diciembre de 2024. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.