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WIPO-WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

28 MARCH-8 APRIL 2022

The Secretariats of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will jointly organize a virtual **WIPO-WTO Advanced Course on Intellectual Property for Government Officials**. Governments of Members and Observers which are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities are invited to nominate up to three candidates to participate in the selection process for this activity. The course will be held **through a virtual platform over a period of 2 weeks, from 28 March to 8 April 2022**.

About the Course

The Advanced Course is multidisciplinary in character and is open to capital-based officials currently working on legal and policy issues touching on intellectual property (IP).

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This course forms part of an overall strategy to build the capacity of governments within beneficiary Members and Observers to assess and analyse their policy options and to strengthen national expertise in relation to intellectual property. The main objective of the course is to update government officials on the activities and instruments of the WIPO and the WTO, and to provide a forum for them to exchange information and ideas with the two Secretariats and with a range of policymakers representing key stakeholders. The emphasis will be on recent developments and policy issues, including those currently under debate in the two Organizations and in other international organizations.

..... An outline of the programme is attached. **The Course will be entirely virtual, and may include pre-recorded videos, live webinars, interactive discussion sessions, case studies and group work.**

As an Advanced Course, it is designed for officials who already have a strong background in IP matters, including the international legal and policy dimensions. This programme is not suitable as an introductory course for those who do not already have a strong background in IP law and policy. Nominees without the requisite background in IP will not be considered.

Eligibility and Selection

Approximately thirty (30) places are available for allocation to selected applicants from beneficiary Members and Observers.

To be considered for possible selection, applicants must:

- be a senior government official responsible for intellectual property and related policy issues;
- have completed an online e-training course on IP or possess proven commensurate knowledge or professional experience;
- demonstrate an extensive practical background in IP law, policy and practice;
- have full command of English to enable you to actively participate in the Course; and
- be nominated by their government.

For past sessions of this course, many more eligible applications have been received than there are places available. Participation is therefore highly selective. Only candidates who meet the above criteria will be considered for possible selection. Incomplete or late applications and applications for candidates who lack these qualifications will not be considered at all.

Application Process

The application process consists of the following steps:

1. Interested candidates need to duly complete and submit the online application form, which is available at: https://wto.formstack.com/forms/wipo_wto_ip_advanced_course_2022
2. The online application form requires uploading a scanned copy of the passport and of the official nomination letter, signed and stamped by the competent government authority that is nominating the candidate. A template for such a letter to be signed and stamped by the national authority can be found in the Annex below and also attached.
3. The application form, including the passport and nomination letter, should be submitted via the online application system **no later than 31 January 2022**.
4. Applications are to be validated by the Permanent Missions/Embassies to the WTO. Validations should be addressed by email to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (Email: logistics.unit@wto.org or) **no later than 31 January 2022**.

..... Please note that the complex preparations and logistical arrangements for this activity mean that the organizers cannot consider any applications received after that date and/or without the validation by the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO.

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 render the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

Selected participants will receive confirmation directly.

For Further Information

You may contact ipd@wto.org for further information.

***Français/Español**

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un cours avancé sur la propriété intellectuelle en collaboration avec l'Organisation mondiale de la propriété intellectuelle (OMPI). Il se tiendra online, du 28 mars au 8 avril 2022. 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 sobre propiedad intelectual en colaboración con la Organización Mundial de la Propiedad Intelectual (OMPI). Se celebrará online, del 28 de marzo al 8 de abril de 2022. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.

ANNEX



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ADVANCED COURSE

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NOMINATION FORM**to be filled in by the responsible government official nominating the
candidate**

The Government of

in nominating (Mr./Mrs./Miss)

Official designation of the candidate

Department/Ministry, etc. of the candidate

certifies that:

- (a) the nominee has full command of English to enable the nominee to actively participate in the Course;
- (b) the nominee's present field of work is directly related to the subject-matter of the Course;
- (c) the nominee is expected to continue to work in the present post, or in a closely related field, after his/her participation in the Course;
- (d) the nominee has completed an online e-training course on IP or possess proven commensurate knowledge or professional experience; and
- (e) the information supplied by the nominee in the application form is complete and correct.

Title, official address, telephone and e-mail of the responsible government official presenting this candidate:

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(name of responsible government official)

Place and date:

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(signature and seal of responsible government official)

Candidacies presented without following the exact procedure mentioned in the invitation will not be considered.

PLEASE UPLOAD THIS NOMINATION FORM TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM, OR SEND IT DIRECTLY TO YOUR PERMANENT MISSION/EMBASSY WHO WILL PRESENT IT TO:

logistics.unit@wto.org

BY 31 January 2022