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**WTO-AUC THEMATIC COURSE ON TRADE IN SERVICES STATISTICS
WITH EMPHASIS ON AFRICA (IN ENGLISH)***

Geneva (Switzerland), 3 to 7 December 2018

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the African Union Commission (AUC) are jointly organizing a Thematic Course on Trade in Services Statistics with Emphasis on Africa at the WTO in Geneva, from 3 to 7 December 2018. Separate invitations to African countries are also sent by the African Union Commission in coordination with the WTO.

The course targets services trade statisticians who are directly involved in the collection and/or compilation of trade in services statistics, in particular in Africa, primarily working in Central Banks, National Statistical Offices or other relevant bodies.

Your Government is invited to nominate one candidate for possible selection as participant in this activity¹.

Nomination and selection criteria

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 in services statistics.

At the course, individual sessions will be dedicated to service sectors of trade interest, in particular to Africa. To this extent, participants will be invited to submit concrete examples of difficulties faced in data collection/compilation in specific services sectors. Possible solutions will then be discussed in the workshop. Participants are expected to be active in sharing their challenges, discussing solutions, and ready to expand their knowledge and develop new skills.

Participation in the course will be subject to the completion of the *WTO-UNCTAD e-learning course on trade in services statistics*. This integrated approach, combining online learning and face-to-face delivery, maximizes pedagogical quality.

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¹ Candidacies received from WTO Members and Observers subject to Administrative Measures at the time of selection will not be considered (in category III for Members, in category II for Observers).

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Financial conditions for funded participants

Thirty (30) fellowships are available for applicants, of which fifteen (15) will be financed by the WTO and fifteen (15) by the AUC. 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.

Procedure for submission of nominations

..... 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. Nominations received from other sources will not be taken into consideration.

The deadline for submitting candidates is 21 September 2018. Nomination and candidate application forms should be transmitted to:

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Selected participants will receive directly the confirmation of their selection, additional administrative information, and their travel details and ticket, shortly after the selection has taken place.

The 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.

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* L'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce et la Commission de l'Union Africaine organisent un cours thématique sur les statistiques du commerce de services à l'OMC destiné principalement aux pays d'Afrique, qui se déroulera à l'OMC à Genève, du 3 au 7 décembre 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 y la Comisión de la Unión Africana organizan un curso temático sobre las estadísticas del comercio de servicios destinado principalmente a los países de África, en la OMC, en Ginebra, del 3 al 7 de diciembre del 2018. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación serán distribuidos sólo en inglés.