




# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## **ADVANCED COURSE ON TRADE IN SERVICES (in English)\***

Geneva, 18-22 September 2023

### **Invitation to present candidates**

The WTO Secretariat is organizing an Advanced Course on Trade in Services (in English) from 18 – 22 September 2023 in Geneva. 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.<sup>1</sup>

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the advanced course are to:

- Update participants' knowledge base of the main GATS provisions, including on issues related to classification and scheduling of commitments;
- Familiarize participants with recent developments in the field of services, and reinforce their capacity to use analytical tools available for trade in services analysis;
- Improve participants' understanding of services-related policies and negotiating issues such as domestic regulation, investment facilitation, e-commerce and digital trade.

The course will be delivered through a mix of lectures, interactive exercises, case studies, and peer learning.

### **INVITATION TO PROPOSE CANDIDATES & CANDIDATE PROFILE**

The course is targeted at government officials at mid - to senior level with at least two years of relevant work experience who are directly involved in the formulation of trade in services policy and/or the conduct of multilateral or preferential services negotiations.

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<sup>1</sup> For further details about the WTO Progressive Learning Strategy see the Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2022-2023 (WT/COMTD/W/260/Rev.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 Governments of Members and Observers to the WTO, which are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to submit the names of **one or two officials** meeting the requirements set out below for consideration in the selection process.

Candidates are required to have an advanced understanding of the General Agreement on Trade in Services. They should be willing to share experiences, prepare short contributions, and participate actively in all sessions. The course does not target experts from ministries regulating individual services sectors.

Candidates should have completed a WTO training activity (E-Learning<sup>2</sup> or a face-to-face/virtual course) on trade in services or have demonstrably commensurate knowledge or professional experience. A passport photocopy and a one-page CV must be attached to the application. Candidates should also possess an excellent ability to communicate in English both orally and in writing.

### **COSTS COVERED FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS**

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; a daily subsistence allowance; a terminal expenses allowance; and accommodation for the duration of the course.

### **THE NOMINATION PROCESS**

..... The attached Application Form must be returned, completed and signed by the eligible candidate as well as by the nominating national authority which presents the candidate, via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO, **NO LATER THAN 16 JUNE 2023**.

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 le commerce des services, à Genève, du 18 au 22 septembre 2023. 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 el comercio de servicios, en Ginebra, del 18 al 22 de septiembre de 2023. Este curso se impartirá en inglés, por lo que la invitación y el formulario de candidatura se distribuirán en inglés solamente.

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<sup>2</sup> Please visit the E-Learning website, where you will find information about online courses at <https://www.learning.wto.org/> or you can also contact [elarning@wto.org](mailto:elarning@wto.org)