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2018 ADVANCED COURSE ON TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT (IN ENGLISH)
ENHANCING SYNERGIES BETWEEN TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT POLICIES

GENEVA, 25 JUNE – 6 JULY 2018

Invitation to present candidates

The WTO Secretariat is pleased to announce that the Third WTO Advanced Course on Trade and Environment will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, **from 25 June to 6 July 2018**.

The course seeks to: (i) update participants on the key aspects of the relationship between trade and the environment as well as latest developments; (ii) fill in the gap in participants' knowledge on the relevant WTO provisions and activities related to environmental policies; and (iii) prepare participants to identify and discuss win-win opportunities.

Due to the advanced nature of the course, it is essential that participants possess a sound knowledge of the WTO system, and understanding of issues at the interface of trade and the environment at national and international levels. The two-week course, which will be conducted in English, will comprise a series of sessions, including lectures, interactive discussions, exercises, simulations and debates. Furthermore, participants will be collaborating in small groups on a project to be presented at the end of course. Participants are expected to be involved actively in the proceedings by completing all assignments, contributing to the discussions on specific topics, and exchanging experiences. A preliminary outline for the course is attached. A more detailed programme will be sent to selected candidates in due course.

Your government/economy in transition is invited to nominate one candidate to be considered for participation in this activity. Candidates who took part in the 2014 or 2016 WTO Advanced Courses on Trade and Environment will not be considered. Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- i. **Possess professional experience in the area of trade and environment, or possess such experience in one of the two fields and seeking to gain specialization in the other.** Candidates must possess proven professional experience at the practical, technical and/or policy levels in one or more areas related to trade or the environment. Examples of relevant professional experience include responsibilities with respect to: implementation

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and operation of multilateral environmental agreements; negotiation and/or implementation of regional or international disciplines on trade or the environment; or design and/or application of environmental policies. Studies in trade and environment may also be considered. **Candidates are kindly requested to describe their relevant professional (and academic) experience in their application form.**

- ii. **Respond to the pre-course question by the specified deadline.** The essays will be used to assess candidates' level of proficiency with basic trade and environment issues, and their capacity to present information in a clear, succinct, and coherent manner.
- iii. **Demonstrate all-round proficiency in English.**

Twenty-five (25) places are available for government officials from eligible WTO Member and Observer developing countries, LDCs, economies in transition and countries in the process of accession to the WTO.

Participants will be selected among nominated government/economy in transition officials responsible for trade and/or environment issues. Given the limited number of places available for this course, preference will be given to candidates who in addition to meeting the criteria above, have completed, or are expected to complete shortly, **the WTO E-learning course on trade and environment**. Please note that this course is freely accessible through the WTO E-learning website (ecampus.wto.org).

Candidates selected by the WTO Secretariat to participate in the Third Advanced Course on Trade and Environment will receive confirmation directly. Additional administrative information, travel details and tickets, will be communicated directly by fax or email 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.

The following documents are required as part of the application process:

1. Application form (attached; kindly specify the family name in capital letters).
2. One-page CV or resume (in English).
3. Pre-course essay.

The completed Application Form (together with a one-page CV or resume) must be returned, 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, 27 April 2018**. Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. Additional administrative information, travel details and ticket will be sent shortly after the selection has taken place.

In light of the complex arrangements involved in the organization of this activity, please take note that beyond this deadline, the Secretariat would not be in a position to process the names of new candidates.

Français/Español

L'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce organise un cours avancé de deux semaines sur le commerce et l'environnement à Genève, du 25 juin au 06 juillet 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 organiza un curso avanzado de dos semanas sobre el comercio y el medio ambiente en Ginebra, del 25 de junio al 6 de julio de 2018. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación serán distribuidos sólo en inglés.