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WTO ADVANCED WORKSHOP ON AGRICULTURE NOTIFICATIONS (IN ENGLISH)*

Geneva, 24 – 27 April 2018

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The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization is organizing an Advanced Workshop on Agriculture Notifications (in English), to take place at the WTO in Geneva from 24 to 27 April 2018. The Workshop is a Level 3 specialized training activity implemented within the WTO Progressive Learning Strategy and it represents the highest level of learning among WTO training activities.¹ A draft programme for the event is attached.

The Members to the WTO that are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities are invited to nominate one capital-based official. The candidate must be directly responsible for the preparation and/or analysis of notifications or have demonstrably commensurate knowledge and professional experience in preparing and analysing notifications under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

In order to maximize the impact of this workshop, candidates who have completed the WTO's online specialized training or attended a face-to face course on the Agreement on Agriculture will be given priority in the selection process.² Candidates who have completed such training should indicate this on their CV.

The participation of total of 30 selected candidates from Members that are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities will be financed by the WTO (i.e. a return economy class ticket, a terminal expenses allowance, daily subsistence allowance, including accommodation for the duration of the workshop). In case no qualified candidates apply to fill the 30 funded places, up to five additional applicants may participate in the workshop at their own expense.

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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, 23 FEBRUARY 2018**. In light of complex arrangements involved in the organization of this activity, the Secretariat will not be in a position to process replies received after this deadline.

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¹ For further details about the WTO Progressive Learning Strategy, see the Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2018-2019 (WT/COMTD/W/227/Rev.1). The TA Plan can also be accessed at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/teccop_e/tct_e.htm.

² Please visit the WTO E-Learning website at <https://etraining.wto.org> for information about online courses or you can also contact elearning@wto.org.

Applications for this workshop should be submitted along with a current CV indicating successful completion of the relevant training on the Agreement on Agriculture. The Application Form should be returned by fax or email to **the Logistics Unit, Institute of Training and Technical Cooperation, (Fax No: +4122 / 739 57 24; Email: logistics.unit@wto.org)**.

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 atelier sur les notifications concernant l'agriculture, à Genève, du 24 au 27 avril 2018. Cet atelier 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 taller sobre las notificaciones relativas a la agricultura, en Ginebra, del 24 al 27 Abril 2018. Este taller será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y los formularios de candidatura y de nominación serán distribuidos sólo en inglés.