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ADVANCED COURSE ON ANALYZING TRADE IN SERVICES (in English)*

Geneva, 2-6 June 2025

Invitation to present candidates

The WTO Secretariat is organizing an Advanced Course on Analyzing Trade in Services (in English) from 2 – 6 June 2025 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.¹

The course aims to provide an extensive training on trade in services analytical tools for trade officials engaged in services negotiations, trade analysts and officials supporting the negotiating process. Participants will gain knowledge in the use of analytical tools available, in particular the World Bank- WTO Services Trade Policy Database, the Services Trade Restrictions Index (STRI) as well as other analytical and statistical databases.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the advanced course are to:

- reinforce participants' knowledge base of trade in services policy analytical tools (ITIP Services, Services Trade Policy Database, STRI, services regulatory surveys);
- deepen participants' understanding of trade in services and digital trade statistical frameworks and knowledge of statistical databases;
- improve participants' ability to analyse and use the results published in trade in services analytical tools and statistical databases.

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

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¹ For further details about the WTO Progressive Learning Strategy see the Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2024-2025 (WT/COMTD/W/273 and WT/COMTD/W/273/Corr.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.

INVITATION TO PROPOSE CANDIDATES & CANDIDATE PROFILE

The course is targeted at government officials at mid- to senior level with at least two years 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. It is also targeted to trade analysts and capital-based trade in services experts supporting the formulation of policies or negotiations.

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 **up to 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.

Candidates should have completed a WTO training activity (E-Learning² or a face-to-face/virtual course) on trade in services or have demonstrably commensurate knowledge or professional experience.

Candidates should also possess an excellent ability to communicate in English both orally and in writing.

A passport photocopy and one-page CV must be attached to the application.

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

Interested candidates need to duly complete and submit the online application form available at: https://wto.formstack.com/forms/advanced_course_on_trade_in_services_jun2025

- The online application form requires the uploading of a scanned copy of: (i) the applicant's passport and (ii) the official nomination letter signed and stamped by the competent government authority nominating the applicant.
- The application form, including the passport and nomination letter, should be submitted via the online application system **no later than 11 April.**
- 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) **no later than 11 April.**

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 l'analyse du commerce des services, à Genève, du 2 au 6 juin 2025. 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 de análisis del comercio de servicios, en Ginebra, del 2 al 6 de junio de 2025. Este curso se impartirá en inglés, por lo que la invitación y el formulario de candidatura se distribuirán en inglés solamente.

² 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 learning@wto.org