**2017 ADVANCED COURSE ON REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (RTAS) AND THE WTO**

18-22 September 2017, Geneva

**Draft Programme**

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| **MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER** |

9:00-10:00 Opening of the Seminar

Introduction to the Course and "tour De Table"

10:20-12:30 RTAs Trends and Characteristics

Brief Reminder of WTO Rules on RTAs

Specificities of Customs Unions

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| *12:30-14:00 Lunch* |

14:00-16:00 DDA Negotiations on RTAs: Transparency Mechanism for RTAs

WTO Databases: RTA-IS: Lecture and Exercises

16:15-17:00 Exercise 1 - Notification

Instructions to Exercises 2 and 3

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| **TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER** |

9:00-9:40 WTO Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA): Briefing

9:50-13:00 Attendance at the CRTA

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| *13:00-14:30 Lunch* |

14:30-15:00 Debriefing on the CRTA

15:15-17:15 Architecture of WTO Rules on RTAs: Pyramids and Loopholes

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| **WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER** |

9:00-12:30 WTO Databases: I-Tip for Goods

Market Access Databases: IDB, TAO, TDF - Lecture and Exercises

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| *12:30-14:00 Lunch* |

14:00-16:00 Trade and Tariff Data in the Context of the Transparency Mechanism

16:15-17:30 Exercise 2 – Customs unions, FTAs and the WTO

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| **THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER** |

09:00-10:30 WTO and RTAs: A Way Forward - Presentations by Geneva-Based Delegates

Questions and Replies

10:45-12:30 WTO and RTAs on Trade in Services

WTO Databases on Services: RTAs Commitments in I-TIP

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| *12:30-14:00 Lunch* |

14:00-15:00 Measuring Trade in Services and Related Databases

*15:00-15:15 Group photo*

15:30-17:30 EXERCISE 3 - Analysis of a Factual Presentation

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| **FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER** |

9:00-12:30 Presentations by Regional Secretariats

Questions and Replies to Representative of Regional Secretariats

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| *13:00-14:30 Lunch* |

14:30-16:00 General Discussion

Evaluation

Closing and Diplomas