



## VIRTUAL INTRODUCTORY TRADE POLICY COURSE FOR LDCS

25 APRIL – 25 MAY 2022

### PROGRAMME

The programme foresees the use of materials from the E-Learning Online "Introduction to the WTO" Course (OIC) throughout this virtual ITPC. This course includes presentations, exercises, videos and revision sessions. These activities are designed to help participants assimilate the learning outcomes of key importance, as well as to allow for questions, answers and more in-depth discussions.

### Week I

**Monday, 25 April – Friday, 29 April 2022**

Introduction to the Course – Introduction to the WTO: The WTO and the Multilateral Trading System (MTS) – The Basic Principles and the Exceptions to the Basic Principles of the WTO – Regionalism and the Enabling Clause

Central European Summer Time (CEST) <b>Monday, 25 April</b>		
<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	Opening of the course Welcome remarks by Mr. Jorge Castro, Chief of Section, Course Design and Training Section, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC) Presentation of the course: programme, objectives and expectations Online group photo	Ms Alicja Wielgus, ITTC (AW) Mr Felipe Muñoz, ITTC (FM)
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:15 – 11:00</b>	Technical session (Zoom, E-Campus Virtual Classroom (VC), WTO website and Documents Online)	AW / FM
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	Introduction to the WTO	AW / FM

CEST <b>Wednesday, 27 April</b>		
<b>09:00 – 09:40</b>	The WTO basic principles	FM
<b>09:40 – 09:50</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>09:50 – 10:50</b>	The exceptions to the WTO basic principles	FM
<b>10:50 – 11:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	Summing up: which exception derogates to which BP	FM

CEST <b>Friday, 29 April</b>		
<b>09:00 – 09:45</b>	Distribution and explanation of the exercise (short cases)	FM
<b>09:45 – 10:30</b>	Exercise in group	FM
<b>10:30 – 10:40</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:40 – 11:15</b>	Review of the exercise	FM
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	Regionalism and the Enabling Clause Overview of week II (3 min)	FM

**Week II**  
**Monday, 2 May – Friday, 6 May 2022**

Market Access – Tariffs – Customs Agreements – Agriculture – The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) – Revision Week I

CEST Monday, 2 May		
<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	Presentation on tariffs, including exercise/questions	Mr Daniel Morales, ITTC (DM)
<b>10:00 – 10:10</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:10 – 11:00</b>	Presentation / quiz underlying the main points of the customs agreements	DM
<b>11:00 – 11:10</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:10 – 12:00</b>	Session on preferential market access and rules of origin for LDCs	Mr Darlan Marti, MAD

CEST Wednesday, 4 May		
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	Agriculture	AW
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:45 – 12:00</b>	Agriculture, including practical exercise	AW

Reminder: Thursday, 5 May		
<b>Quiz week I will be sent by email to be completed and submitted within an 8-hour time limit</b> (Introduction to the WTO, WTO Basic Principles and the Exceptions to the Basic Principles, Regionalism and the Enabling Clause). <b>There is no need to connect on Zoom.</b>		

CEST Friday, 6 May		
<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	Session on the TFA	Ms Hanna Vitikkala, ITTC (HV)
<b>10:00 – 10:10</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:10 – 11:05</b>	Interactive Review of Quiz week I (Introduction to the WTO, WTO Basic Principles and the Exceptions to the Basic Principles, Regionalism and the Enabling Clause)	AW / FM
<b>11:05 – 11:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	Q&A session on week I (Introduction to the WTO, WTO Basic Principles and the Exceptions to the Basic Principles, Regionalism and the Enabling Clause) Overview of week III (3 min)	AW / FM

**Week III**  
**Monday, 9 May – Friday, 13 May 2022**

Trade Remedies – Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU) – Sanitary and  
Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) – Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) – Revision Week II

CEST <b>Monday, 9 May</b>		
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	The multilateral framework governing trade remedies	Mr Jorge Castro, ITTC
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:45 – 12:00</b>	DSU	Mr Jorge Castro, ITTC

CEST <b>Wednesday, 11 May</b>		
<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	SPS and TBT Agreements: Introduction	HV
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	Practical exercise	HV
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	Exercise and review	HV
<b>11:00 – 11:05</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:05 – 12:00</b>	(Exercise (continued) (TBC) Transparency in the SPS and TBT Agreements and ePing notification alert system	Ms Lotte Drieghe, TED

<b>Reminder: Thursday, 12 May</b>		
<b>Quiz week II will be sent by email to be completed and submitted within an 8-hour time limit</b> (Market Access, Customs issues, Agriculture and TFA). <b>There is no need to connect on Zoom.</b>		

CEST <b>Friday, 13 May</b>		
<b>09:00 – 09:45</b>	Current Status of WTO Negotiations + Q&As	Ms Jessica Hermosa, IERD
<b>09:45 – 09:55</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>09:55 – 11:05</b>	Interactive Review of Quiz week II (Market Access, Customs issues, Agriculture and TFA)	Mr Darlan Marti / DM / AW / HV
<b>11:05 – 11:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	Q&A session on week II: (Market Access, Customs issues, Agriculture and TFA) Overview of week IV (3 min)	Mr Darlan Marti / DM / AW / HV

**Week IV**  
**Monday, 16 May – Friday, 20 May 2022**

GATS – TRIPS – Development aspects-S&D – Revision Week III

CEST <span style="float: right;">Monday, 16 May</span>		
<b>09:00 – 10:15</b>	Services	FM, ITTC
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:30 – 12:00</b>	How to read / prepare a schedule of specific commitments	FM, ITTC

CEST <span style="float: right;">Wednesday, 18 May</span>		
<b>09:00 – 10:15</b>	TRIPS	Ms Maegan McCann, Ms Natalie Carlson, IPD
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:30 – 12:00</b>	TRIPS	Ms Maegan McCann, Ms Natalie Carlson, IPD

Reminder: Thursday, 19 May		
<b>Quiz week III will be sent by email to be completed and submitted within an 8-hour time limit</b> (Trade Remedies, DSU and SPS-TBT). <b>There is no need to connect on Zoom.</b>		

CEST <span style="float: right;">Friday, 20 May</span>		
<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	Presentation on the Development aspects – S&D: Overview of S&D principle for developing countries / LDCs in the WTO / S&D for LDCs	Mr Aimé Murigandé, ITTC
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:15 – 11:15</b>	Interactive Review of Quiz week III: (Trade Remedies, DSU and SPS-TBT)	HV / Ms Lotte Drieghe / Mr Jorge Castro
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	Q&A session on week III: (Trade Remedies, DSU and SPS-TBT) Overview of week V (3 min)	HV / Ms Lotte Drieghe / Mr Jorge Castro

Reminder: Friday, 20 May		
<b>Quiz week IV will be sent by email to be completed and submitted within an 8-hour time limit</b> (GATS, TRIPS, Development aspects - S&D). <b>There is no need to connect on Zoom.</b>		

**Week V**  
**Monday, 23 May – Wednesday, 25 May 2022**

Revision Week IV – Trade and Environment – Transparency – Government Procurement  
– Enhanced Integrated Framework – Final Exam

CEST Monday, 23 May		
<b>09:00 – 10:15</b>	Interactive Review of Quiz week IV: (GATS, TRIPS, Development aspects - S&D) Q&A session on week IV (GATS, TRIPS, Development aspects - S&D)	FM / Ms Maegan McCann, Ms Natalie Carlson / Mr Aimé Murigandé
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:30 – 11:15</b>	Trade and Environment	HV
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	Overview of transparency provisions and notification requirements	Mr Juan Manuel Fernández, ITTC
<b>Home Task</b>	<i>Review all the subjects of the course</i> <i>Reminder for the Final Exam on Tuesday, 24 May, 9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.</i>	

CEST Tuesday, 24 May		
<b>09:45 – 11:30</b>	Final Exam (1h30)	AW / FM

CEST Wednesday, 25 May		
<b>09:00 – 09:45</b>	Government Procurement	Mr Alex Chiang, IPD
<b>09:45 – 10:45</b>	Review of final test results	AW / FM
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:00 – 11:40</b>	Presentation on the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)	Mr Fanan Biem, EIF
<b>11:40 – 12:00</b>	Closing of the course Evaluation (sent by email)	Ms Bridget Chilala, Director, ITTC