

TITLE OF THE EVENT	ADVANCED COURSE ON WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (ENGLISH)
VENUE AND DATES	WTO Headquarters, Geneva: 5-9 December 2011
Course description	<p>Thematic courses are advanced subject-specific training activities held at the WTO headquarters in Geneva usually lasting one or two weeks.</p> <p>Implemented within the WTO progressive learning framework, this one-week course represents the highest level of learning among WTO training activities. Due to its advanced and specialized nature, the course is targeted at participants with direct responsibilities in WTO Dispute Settlement issues and who possess a sound knowledge of the general features of the WTO system and its dispute settlement mechanism.</p> <p>This course aims to consolidate the participants' knowledge and understanding of dispute settlement through a combination of presentations, interactive discussions and simulation exercises. The participants are encouraged to take an active part during the week, as the course provides them with a unique opportunity to discuss procedural notions and key jurisprudential developments with experienced WTO Secretariat officials, and to apply their knowledge in hands-on exercises and simulations.</p> <p>This activity is held in English. It forms part of the WTO Technical Assistance and Training Plan and it is organized pursuant to Article 27.3 of the DSU.</p>
Objectives	<p>By the end of the course participants are expected to have enhanced their autonomy in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consolidated knowledge of WTO dispute settlement rules and procedures (knowledge); • strengthened confidence to engage actively in dispute settlement work (confidence); and • established and/or strengthened a network of contacts with each other and the trainers/experts (network).
Programme	
Organizing institution/body	WTO

TARGET AUDIENCE - ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

The target audience for this course are government officials from developed countries, developing countries, least-developed countries, economies in transition and acceding countries.

- The Course will be conducted in English. All-round proficiency in English is therefore an essential prerequisite for participation.
- Participants have to be directly involved at a technical, practical and/or policy level with WTO Dispute Settlement. Preference will be given to candidates who have already completed a "Level 2" WTO training activity, in particular the "Level 2 WTO thematic dispute settlement course" or who have demonstrably commensurate knowledge or professional experience.

NOMINATION OF PARTICIPANTS

As part of the WTO procedures, a letter of invitation is addressed to the relevant government authorities, through established channels, providing the specific conditions, requirements and expected profile of candidates for the course. Only candidates officially nominated by their national authorities are considered. Applications received through other channels are not acknowledged.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Deadline for applications: 7 September 2011