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| Course description| The ATPC, a Level 3 training activity implemented within the WTO progressive learning framework, represents the highest level of learning among WTO training activities.  

The course is targeted at government officials who are directly involved in WTO-related work and who already possess a sound knowledge of the general features of the WTO system and the WTO Agreements. Due to the applied nature of the ATPC, participants are expected to be actively involved throughout the course to further consolidate their knowledge and develop new skills through practice and case-based learning.  

The purpose of the ATPC is to develop participants' autonomy in conducting WTO-related work by: (i) encouraging critical thinking to explore the linkages between WTO rules and disciplines and countries' trade policies and interests in the multilateral trading system; and (ii) enhancing analytical and negotiating skills to engage in trade policy formulation and implementation, monitoring and surveillance, WTO negotiations or dispute settlement. Both legal and economic aspects of WTO rules and disciplines will be examined in a series of interactive sessions focussing on case studies, simulations and exercises, including hands-on use of WTO databases and analytical tools available online. Roundtable discussions will provide a platform for practical exchanges, sharing of experiences and best practices as well as debating present-day trade topics. Participants will be given individual/group assignments and are also expected to prepare and deliver a brief presentation relating to their country's trade policy topic by the end of the two month course.  

The course also includes visits to other international organizations active in trade-related matters as well as attendance at selected meetings of WTO bodies and briefings on WTO work-in-progress. Contacts with WTO Secretariat officials and delegates and representatives from Missions and other international organizations are also a common feature.  

Objectives  
By the end of the course, participants are expected to have enhanced their autonomy in relation to WTO matters by having:  

- consolidated their knowledge of the WTO rules and disciplines and how these might relate to their countries' trade policy formulation and implementation;  

- improved their analytical and negotiating skills to analyse trade information, monitor trade policy developments, explore policy options, manage trade disputes and participate actively in WTO negotiations;  

- reinforced their capacity to find information and documentation on trade-related issues, and to use WTO databases and analytical tools;  

- strengthened their ability to work individually, in teams and in an international environment; and  

- established and/or strengthened a network of contacts with each other and with trainers/experts.  

Programme  
Final Programme to be provided on the first day of the course.  

Prerequisites  
Successful completion of a Level 2 Generalist path WTO training activity (See Target Audience for additional details).  

Organizing institution/body  
WTO
TARGET AUDIENCE - ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

The target audience for this course are government officials from WTO Member and Observer developing countries, LDCs, economies in transition, and countries in the process of accession to the WTO. Candidates should be currently working in their national administration in the field of the formulation and conduct of trade policy, with the definite expectation of continuing to work, or being assigned further responsibilities, in this field.

Candidates should have completed a Level 2 Generalist path WTO training activity which include: Geneva-based Trade Policy Course; Regional Trade Policy Course; WTO E-Learning course on the Multilateral Trade Agreements and the WTO; and have demonstrably commensurate knowledge or professional experience. They should also possess an excellent ability to communicate in English both orally and in writing.

For further details about the WTO progressive learning strategy see the WTO Technical Assistance and Training Plan (TA) 2012–2013 (WT/COMTD/W/180/Rev.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

NOMINATION OF PARTICIPANTS

As part of the WTO procedures, a letter of invitation, along with an application form, will be addressed to the relevant government authorities, through established channels.

Twenty-five (25) places are available for applicants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The costs related to their participation (a return economy class ticket, daily subsistence allowance, including lodging) will be borne by the WTO. Up to five additional applicants may participate in this activity at their own expense.

The participants will be selected based on the information submitted. Only candidates officially nominated by their national authorities and presented by their Mission will be considered. Applications received through other channels will not be acknowledged.