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C I R C U L A R

Subject: - **WIPO- WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS GENEVA, 11-12 MARCH, 2019**

A self explanatory letter of WTO, Geneva, dated 12th November, 2018 alongwith enclosures is enclosed herewith for uploading on the website of this Division for information of officers.

2. Interested officers who fulfill the eligibility criteria may submit their requests to MoC Section with approval of concerned Additional Secretary by **28-12-2018**.



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WIPO-WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

GENEVA, 11-22 MARCH 2019

The World Trade Organization (WTO) Secretariat and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Secretariat will jointly organize the **Annual WIPO-WTO Advanced Course on Intellectual Property for Government Officials, on 11-22 March 2019**. Governments of Members and Observers which are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities are invited to nominate up to three candidates to participate in this activity.

Background

The Advanced Course is multidisciplinary in character, and is open to capital-based officials currently working on legal and policy issues touching on intellectual property (IP).

The main objective of the course is to update government officials from beneficiary Members and Observers on the activities and instruments of the WIPO and the WTO, and to provide a forum for them to exchange information and ideas with the two Secretariats and with a range of policymakers and organizations based in Geneva. This course forms part of an overall strategy to build self-sufficient capacity of governments within beneficiary Members and Observers to assess and analyse their policy options and to strengthen national expertise in relation to intellectual property. The emphasis will be on recent developments and policy issues, including those currently under debate in the two Organizations and in other international organizations.

As an Advanced Course, it is designed for officials who already have a strong background in IP matters, including the international legal and policy dimensions. This programme is not suitable as an introductory course for those who do not already have a strong background in IP law and policy, and nominees without the requisite background in IP cannot be considered.

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Suitably qualified candidates selected for the course from eligible Members and Observers are fully funded. The course is also open, provided space is available, to a limited number of capital based officials from developed countries, who participate at their own expense.

..... An outline of the programme is enclosed.

Eligibility and Selection

Thirty (30) places are available for allocation to a selection of applicants from beneficiary Members and Observers.

To be considered for possible selection, applicants must:

- be a senior government official responsible for intellectual property and related policy issues in his/her country;
- have completed the WTO on-line e-Training TRIPS course or possess proven commensurate knowledge or professional experience;
- demonstrate an extensive practical background in intellectual property law, policy and practice; and
- possess an excellent knowledge of English.

For past sessions of this course, many more eligible applications have been received than there are places available. Applicants should be aware that participation is necessarily highly selective and that only candidates who meet the above criteria will be considered for possible selection. Incomplete or late applications, applications for candidates who lack these qualifications, and applications that are not nominated by the supporting government, will not be considered at all.

Application Process

The application process consists of the following steps:

1. Interested candidates need to duly complete and submit the online application form, which is available at https://wto.formstack.com/forms/wto_wipo_ip_advanced_course
2. The online application form requires uploading a scanned copy of the passport and of the official nomination letter, signed and stamped by the competent government authority that is nominating the candidate. A template for such a letter to be signed and stamped by the national authority can be found in Attachment B of this invitation letter.
3. The application form, including the passport and nomination letter, should be submitted via the online application system **no later than 7 January 2019**.
4. Applications are to be validated by the Permanent Missions/Embassies to the WTO. Validations should be addressed by fax or email to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (Email: logistics.unif@wto.org or Fax No: +41 22 739 5724) **no later than 7 January 2019**.

Please note that the complex preparations and logistical arrangements for this activity mean that the organizers cannot consider any applications received after that date and/or without the validation by the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO.

Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. Relevant administrative information, travel details and economic-class ticket will be sent after the selection has taken place.

Logistics and Support

The organizers will provide selected participants from beneficiary Members and Observers with a return economy class ticket, hotel accommodation, a lump sum of CHF 100 per night for meals and a one-time lump sum of approximately CHF 150 for terminal expenses, including expenses at places of departure and arrival. All participants should obtain entry and transit visas, as required, and satisfy all other applicable formalities prior to commencing their travel.

The WTO and the WIPO Secretariats reserve 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.

For Further Information

Ms Maegan McCann (Tel: +41 22 739 5630; Email: maegan.mccann@wto.org) is at your disposal for any further information concerning the Course.

***Français/Español**

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un cours avancé sur la propriété intellectuelle en collaboration avec l'Organisation mondiale de la propriété intellectuelle (OMPI). Il se tiendra à l'OMC, Genève, du 11 au 22 mars 2019. 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 sobre propiedad intelectual en colaboración con la Organización Mundial de la Propiedad Intelectual (OMPI). Se celebrará en la OMC, Ginebra, del 11 al 22 de marzo de 2019. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.



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**WIPO-WTO Advanced Course on Intellectual Property for
Government Officials**

organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

and
the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Geneva, March 11 to 22, 2019

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Venue for 1st week: March 11-15, 2019, WIPO

Monday, March 11, 2019

8.00 – 8.45	Registration	
8.45 – 9.15	Introduction of Participants	
9.15 – 9.30	Opening Remarks	
9.30 – 9.45	Group photo	
9.45 – 10.15	Quiz	
10.15 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.30 – 12.30	Theme 1: Moderator:	Setting the Policy Context: Intellectual Property (IP) and Public Policy in Developing Countries today
10.30 – 11.15		i. Overview of Global IP Governance and Policy Issues in WIPO Speaker: WIPO
11.15 – 12.00		ii. International IP legal framework and its Interaction with Public Policy Issues, including in other IGO forums Speaker: WTO
12.00 – 12.30		Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00 – 15.15	Theme 2: Moderator:	Intellectual Property in a Trade Law Context and Developing Countries
14.00 – 14.45		i. Negotiating Background Speaker: WTO
14.45 – 15.15		ii. Overview of the TRIPS Agreement Speaker: WTO
15.15 – 15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	

15.30 – 17.30	Theme 3:	Intellectual Property and Economic Development
	Moderator:	
15.30 – 16.15		i. Economics of IP and Development Speaker: WIPO
16.15 – 17.00		ii. The Economics of IP and Trade Speaker:
17.00 – 17.30		Discussion

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

09.00 – 11.00	Theme 3 (Cont'd):	
	Moderator:	
09.0 – 09.45		iii. Implementation of the WIPO Development Agenda: An overview Speaker: WIPO
09.45 – 10.30		iv. Intellectual Property and Development – UNCTAD programmes Speaker: UNCTAD
10.30 – 11.00		Discussion
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 18.00	Theme 4:	Copyright and Related Rights
	Moderator:	
11.15– 12.00		i. The Evolving International Landscape: Law, Policy and Development Speaker: WTO
12.00 – 12.15		Discussion
12.15 – 13.15		<i>Staff seminar</i>
13.15 – 14.15	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14.15 – 15.00	Theme 4 (cont'd):	ii. The Evolving International Landscape: Law, Policy and New Developments on the WIPO SCCR Agenda: - Beijing Treaty

- Marrakesh Treaty
- Broadcasting Organizations
- Other Limitations and Exceptions to Copyright and Related Rights

Speaker: WIPO

15.00 – 15.45

iii. Digital Copyright Developments

Speaker:

15.45 – 16.15

Discussion

16.15 – 16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30 – 17.00 **Theme 4 (Cont'd):**

Introduction of copyright exercise

Facilitator:

17.00 – 18.00

Exercise on Copyright

Facilitator:

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

09.00 – 12.15

Theme 5:
Moderator:

Trademarks and Industrial Designs

09.00 – 09.30

i. Multilateral Legal Framework for Industrial Designs

Speaker: WIPO

9.30 – 10.00

Discussion

10.00 – 10.15 *Coffee break*

10.15 – 11.00 **Theme 5 (Cont'd)**

ii. Trademarks and Industrial Designs in the International Trading System

Speaker: WTO

11.00 – 11.45

iii. Recent Trends in Trademark Protection

Speaker: WIPO

11.45 – 12.15

Discussion

12.15 – 14.00 *Lunch Break*

14.00 – 17.30 **Theme 6**

Geographical Indications

14.00 – 14.45 Moderator:

i. The Lisbon System and New Developments

Speaker: WIPO

14.45 – 15.30

ii. Geographical Indications – TRIPS Agreement and Current Work in the WTO

		Speaker: WTO
15.30 – 16.00		Discussion
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.15 – 17.30	Theme 7	IP and Ecommerce - A Discussion on Regulatory Responses at the International Level.
	Moderator:	
16.15 – 17.00		Speaker: WTO
17.00 – 17.30		Discussion

Thursday, March 14, 2019

9.00 – 12.30	Theme 8:	Patents and Trade Secrets
	Moderator:	
9.00 – 9.45		i. Patents and Trade Secrets in the International Trading System
		Speaker: WTO
9.45 – 10.00		Discussion
10.00 – 10.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.15 – 11.00	Theme 8 (cont'd):	ii. Selected issues under Debate in Standing Committee on the Law of Patents:
		- Exceptions and Limitations to Patent Rights;
		- Quality of Patents; Patents and Health; and
		- Patents and Transfer of Technology
		Speaker: WIPO
11.00 – 11.30		Discussion
11.30 – 12.30	Theme 9:	Protection of New Plant Varieties under the UPOV Convention (Law, Policy and Development)
	Moderator:	
11.30 – 12.15		Speaker: UPOV
12.15 – 12.30		Discussion
12.30 – 14.15	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14.15 – 15.30	Theme 10:	Protection of Biotechnology - New Developments in Law and Practice
	Moderator:	
14.15 – 14.45		i. Review of Article 27.3 of the TRIPS Agreement and New Developments

14.45 – 15.15		Speaker: WTO
		ii Myriad, the Current State of isolated DNA Claims
15.15 – 15.30		Speaker: Discussion
15.30 – 15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.45 – 16.45	Theme 10 (cont'd):	Roundtable Discussion on Biotechnology
		Panelists: [Speaker] WTO WIPO
16.45 – 17.30	Theme 11:	Transparency for Policy Makers and the WTO Notification System
	Moderator:	
16.45 – 17.15		Speaker: WTO
17.15 – 17.30		Discussion

Friday, March 15, 2019

9.00 – 11.00	Theme 12:	Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions: Recent Developments in WIPO and WTO
	Moderator:	
9.00 – 9.45		i. Current Work in the IGC at the regional, national and local levels
		Speaker: WIPO
9.45 – 10.15		ii. Discussion on the Issues of the Relationship between the TRIPS Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity, including Protection of Traditional Knowledge in the WTO
10.15 – 10.45		Speaker: WTO
10.45 – 11.00		Discussion
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 17.30		External Briefing on Using IP in Industry

Venue for 2nd week: March 18 - 22, 2019, Room E, WTO

Monday, March 18, 2019

09.00 – 12.30	Theme 13:	Panel Discussion: Intellectual Property and
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	Moderator:	Public Health - Current Debate
09.00 – 09.15		i. Mapping the interface between intellectual property and public health Speaker: WTO
09.15 – 09.45		ii. Relevant TRIPS Provisions and the Doha Declaration Speaker: WTP
09.45-10.15		iii. Current work in the WIPO Speaker: WIPO
10.15 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.30 – 11.00	Theme 13 (cont'd)	iv. Current Work in the WHO Speaker: WHO
11.00 – 12.30		v. Practical Experiences and Perspectives in Balancing Access to and Innovation of Medical Technologies Speaker: Representative from IFPMA
11.00 – 11.15		Speaker: MSF Access Campaign, Geneva
11.15 – 11.30		Reaction from all Panelists
11.30 – 11.45		Discussion
11.45 – 12.30		
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14.00 – 17.30	Theme 13 (cont'd):	Special Compulsory Licenses for Export of Medicines Speaker: WTO
14.00 – 14.45		Introduction of exercise Facilitators: WTO
14.45 – 15.00		
15.00 – 15.15	<i>Break</i>	
15.15 – 16.30	Theme 13 (cont'd):	Preparation of Exercise
16.30 – 17.30		Presentation of Exercise and Discussion

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

9.00 – 11.00	Theme 14:	IP Provisions in Free Trade Agreements
	Moderator:	
9.00 – 9.30		Speakers: WTO

9.30 – 10.00		WTO
10.00 – 10.30		WIPO
10.30 – 11.00		Discussion
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Break</i>	
11.15 – 13.00	Theme 15:	IP and Dispute Settlement Mechanisms
11.15 - 11.45	Moderator:	i. Resolving IP Disputes, including Internet Domain Name Disputes Speaker: WIPO
11.45 – 12.15		ii. IP in WTO Dispute Settlement Cases Speaker: WTO
12.15 – 12.45		Discussion
12.45 – 13.00		Introduction of WTO Dispute Settlement Exercises Facilitators: WTO
13.00 – 14.15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.15 – 17.30	Theme 16:	Panel Discussion on Intellectual Property and Climate Change – Current Debate
14.15 – 14.45	Moderator:	i. Introduction to work in UNFCCC Processes on IP and Technology Generation and Diffusion Speaker: UNFCCC
14.45 – 15.00		Discussion
15.00 – 15.30		ii. Practical Experiences and Perspectives on the Development and Dissemination of Innovative Climate Change Technologies Speaker:
15.30 – 15.45	<i>Break</i>	
15.45 – 16.15	Theme 16 (cont'd)	iii. Climate Change and the TRIPS Agreement Speaker: WTO
16.15 – 16.45		iv. On-going Work in WIPO, including

WIPO GREEN

Speaker: WIPO

16.45 – 17.15

Discussion

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

9.00 – 10.45

Theme 17:

IP and Business

Moderator:

9.00 – 9.30

i. Promoting Use of IP for SMEs

Speaker: WIPO

9.30 – 10.15

ii. Use of IP in Business

Speaker:

10.15 – 10.45

Discussion

10.45 – 11.00

Break

11.00 – 11.30

Theme 12 (cont'd)

i. Preparation of Exercise on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

Facilitator: WIPO

11.30 – 12.30

iv. Presentation of Exercise on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

Facilitator:

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 17.30

Theme 18

Group Discussions: Exchange of national experiences

Moderator:

14.00 – 15.30

Breakout sessions

Group 1: Copyright : The appropriate term of protection for copyright, related rights and TCEs

Coordinators: WTO

Group 2: Trademarks (specific topic to be determined)

Coordinators: WIPO

WTO

Group 3: Patents (specific topic to be determined)

Coordinators: WIPO
WTO

15.30 – 15.45	<i>Break</i>	
15.45 – 16.45	Theme 18 (Cont'd)	Preparation of Group Reports
16.45 – 17.30		Presentation of Group Reports
16.45 – 17.00		Group 1
17.00 – 17.15		Group 2
17.15 – 17.30		Group 3

Thursday, March 21, 2019

9.00 – 10.15	Theme 15 (Cont'd):	iii. Preparation of Dispute Settlement Exercises
		Facilitators: WTO
10.15 – 10.30	<i>Break</i>	
10.30 – 12.30	Theme 19:	Application of Competition Policy in relation to IP
	Moderator:	
10.30 – 11.15		i. Competition provisions in the TRIPS Agreement
		Speaker: WTO
11.15 – 12.00		ii. New developments on IP and Competition Policy with a focus on Emerging Economies
		Speaker: WIPO
12.00 – 12.30		Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00 – 15.15	Theme 20:	IP, Innovation and Transfer of Technology including Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement
	Moderator:	
14.00 – 14.45		Speaker:
14.45– 15.15		Discussion
15.15 – 15.30	<i>Break</i>	
15.30 – 17.30	Theme 15 (cont'd):	iv. Presentations on Dispute Settlement Exercises and Discussion

Facilitators: WTO

Friday, March 22, 2019

9.00 – 10.30	Theme 21:	Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights
	Moderator:	
9.00 – 9.30		i. TRIPS Provisions on Enforcement and relevant WTO work
		Speaker: WTO
9.30 – 10.00		ii. Work in WIPO on Building Respect for IP
		Speaker: WIPO
10.00 – 10.30		Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Quiz</i>	
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Evaluation</i>	
11.15 – 11.30	<i>Break</i>	
11.30 – 12.45	Roundtable on Evaluation of Advanced Course and closing remarks	

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ATTACHMENT B



WTO OMC



ADVANCED COURSE

**WIPO-WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

Geneva, Switzerland

11-22 March 2019

NOMINATION FORM

**to be filled in by the responsible government official nominating the
candidate**

The Government of _____

in nominating (Mr./Mrs./Miss) _____

Official designation of the candidate _____

Department/Ministry, etc. of the candidate _____

certifies that:

- (a) the nominee has advanced knowledge of English, permitting him or her to participate actively in discussions and lectures in English on WTO and trade policy matters;
- (b) the nominee's present field of work is directly related to the subject-matter of the Course;
- (c) the nominee is expected to continue to work in the present post, or in a closely related field, on his/her return after participation in the Course;
- (d) the nominee has completed the WTO on-line e-Training course or possesses demonstrably commensurate knowledge or professional experience;
- (e) the information supplied by the nominee in the application form is complete and correct.

Title, official address, telephone and fax numbers of the responsible government official presenting this candidate:

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(name of responsible government official)

Place and date:

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(signature and seal of responsible government official)

Candidacies presented without following the exact procedure mentioned in our invitation will not be considered.

PLEASE UPLOAD THIS NOMINATION FORM TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM, OR SEND IT DIRECTLY TO YOUR PERMANENT MISSION/EMBASSY WHO WILL PRESENT IT TO:

logistics.unit@wto.org

Or by fax (41 22) 739 57 24

BY 7 JANUARY 2019