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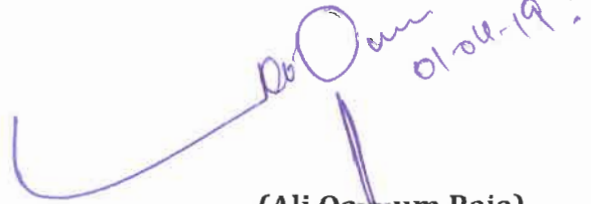
C I R C U L A R

Subject: - **ADVANCED COURSE ON THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF TRADE POLICY (IN ENGLISH), GENEVA FROM 27 JUNE - 5 JULY, 2019**

A self-explanatory e-mail received from WTO, Geneva dated 25th March, 2019 is enclosed for uploading on the website of Commerce Division for information of officers.

2. Interested officers who fulfill the eligibility criteria may forward their nomination to Admn-I/MoC Section with approval of the concerned Additional Secretary by **15-04-2019** positively.

Encl: **As above**



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To: Heads of Delegation Members and Observers to the WTO	Fax No: List attached
From: Bridget CHILALA Director Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation	Date: 25/03/2019
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ADVANCED COURSE ON THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF TRADE POLICY (in English) *
Geneva, 27 June - 5 July 2019

Invitation to present candidates

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization is organizing an Advanced Course on the Economic Analysis of Trade Policy, to be held in English from 27 June to 5 July 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland. The course is a "Level 3" specialized training activity implemented within the WTO progressive learning framework.¹

The ability to conduct high quality analyses of trade data is essential for decision making both in the government and in the private sector. Multilateral, regional and bilateral trade negotiations, as well as the formulation and implementation of appropriate policies at a national level, require an extensive analysis of economic data and an assessment of the impact of trade policy decisions.

Objectives

The purpose of this advanced level, specialized course is for the participants to learn how to:

- (i) select the appropriate approach to answer their trade policy research question;
- (ii) identify and collect the most suitable trade and trade policy data;
- (iii) implement the analysis.

Participants will become familiar with methodologies for trade and trade policy analysis, including calculation of trade flows and trade policy indicators, and the gravity model of trade. The course will also be a platform for discussion on ways of working with policymakers to enhance the use of research in policymaking.

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¹ For further details about the WTO Progressive Learning Strategy see the Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2018-2019 (WT/COMTD/W/227/Rev.1) The TA Plan can also be accessed through the following URL link: http://www.wto.org/english/stratg_e/devt_e/teccop_e/tct_e.htm.

Target audience

The course is targeted at government officials directly involved in economic or econometric analysis of trade policy, or in the formulation and conduct of trade policy, as well as at researchers and academics specialized in trade- and trade policy-related study, research and teaching.

Candidates' eligibility criteria

Eligible candidates for this advanced course must:

- (i) hold a Master's degree in Economics or a PhD in Economics or in a related discipline;
- (ii) possess basic knowledge of econometric techniques;
- (iii) be familiarized with the STATA software;
- (iv) have completed a WTO training activity (E-Learning² or a face-to-face course) and/or have demonstrably commensurate knowledge or professional experience;
- (v) possess an excellent ability to communicate in English both orally and in writing.

Fellowship

The Secretariat of the WTO makes available twenty-five (25) fellowships for this activity. Each fellowship covers the following: a round trip airplane ticket in economy class; daily subsistence allowance; a terminal expenses allowance; and accommodation for the duration of the course.

Application form

The Governments of Members and Observers to the WTO, which are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to present one (1) candidate meeting the above requirements to participate in this course.

.... The attached Application Form must be returned, completed and signed by the eligible candidate as well as by the nominating national authority which presents the candidate, via the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO, at the latest by 19 APRIL 2019.

Selected participants will receive confirmation directly. Additional administrative information, travel details and ticket will be sent shortly after the selection has taken place.

The WTO Secretariat reserves 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.

*Français / Español

L'Organisation Mondiale du Commerce organise un cours avancé sur l'analyse économique des politiques commerciales du 27 juin au 5 juillet 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 el análisis económico de las políticas comerciales del 27 de junio al 5 de julio de 2019. Teniendo en cuenta que este curso se imparte en inglés, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.

² Please visit the E-Learning website, where you will find information about online courses at <http://ecampus.wto.org> or you can also contact ecampus@wto.org



WTO APPLICATION FORM

ADVANCED COURSE ON
THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF TRADE POLICY
GENEVA (Switzerland), 27 JUNE – 5 JULY 2019

DEADLINE: 19 APRIL 2019

PART I

To be completed by the Applicant in **ENGLISH** (in **CAPITAL LETTERS** if handwritten)

MANDATORY: ALL THE INFORMATION ASKED IN THIS SECTION AND A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT

Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms

Surname	
Given name	
Birth date <i>day/month/year</i>	
Nationality	
Title/Position	
Ministry/ Government entity	
City	
Country/Separate Customs Territory	
Mobile phone n°	
Telephone n°	
Email addresses* (professional & personal)	* Important: all communications, documents and air-ticket will be sent by e-mail

Travel preference, if any (taken into consideration but not guaranteed)

Education

What is your highest level of university education?

PhD in economics

Master in economics

Other, please specify:

PhD in another field

Master in another field

<i>Enrolment years</i>	<i>University name (and country)</i>	<i>Title of qualification and topic</i>

Please specify the topic of PhD or master thesis, if any.

Work experience

What is your current position? _____

Where is your current position?

Ministry of trade/economy/finance

Research institute

Other, please specify:

Other ministry: _____

University

Brief description of your current responsibilities:

What kind of trade and trade policy analysis, if any, have you performed recently?

On which date did you take up your current functions?

What was your previous position?

WTO training undertaken

Have you successfully completed a WTO e-Learning course(s)?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Completion date	Title of most relevant/recent WTO e-Learning course		
Have you undertaken other WTO course(s)?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Date	Title of most relevant/recent WTO course		

Knowledge of STATA software

What is your current knowledge of STATA?

None Basic Good Advanced

What is your current knowledge of other statistical software, if any? Please specify its/their name(s).

None _____ Basic _____ Good _____ Advanced _____

Are you using STATA in your current occupation? Yes No

Please describe the concrete situation(s) in which you have used STATA.

Econometrics knowledge

What is your current knowledge of theoretical econometrics?

None Basic Good Advanced

What is your current knowledge of applied econometrics?

None Basic Good Advanced

Are you applying econometrics in your current occupation?

Yes No

Please describe how you have acquired your econometrics knowledge.

Objectives and expectations of the activity

What are the objectives that you would like to achieve by participating in this activity?

Additional information about the activity

Background: The Organisers reserve the right to select candidates and to decline the candidature of nominees who do not meet these requirements and/or on the basis of the maximum number of funded participants.

Language skills: The Advanced Course on the Economic Analysis of Trade Policy will be delivered in English. Therefore, participants are required to have full command of English. By signing this application form the Applicant and Nominating Authority certify that the Applicant has full command of English.

PART II	To be completed by the Nominating Authority
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The Nominating Authority	
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- Officially nominates:

Name of candidate	
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- to attend the **Advanced Course on the Economic Analysis of Trade Policy** to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 27 June to 5 July 2019;
- confirms that the candidate has direct responsibility in WTO matters or is involved in trade policy related study, research and teaching, and has full command of English, which would enable him/her to successfully and actively participate in the course; and,
- is fully aware that this nomination is subject to the decisions of the WTO Selection Committee and to the conditions described in the Annex to this application, which we have thoroughly read and accepted.

**PLEASE CLEARLY INDICATE IF YOU ARE REQUESTING WTO FINANCING FOR THIS CANDIDACY
(CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX)**

YES

NO

Details of the **official responsible for nominating this candidate:**

Surname	
Given Name	
Title/Position	
Organization/Entity	
Telephone	
Email address	

By signing this form, the Candidate and the Nominating Authority certify that all the information included is complete and correct

Date & signature (Candidate)	Date, <u>signature & STAMP</u> (Nominating Authority)

ANNEX: CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN WTO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES**Travel, air-tickets, visas, transit visas, accommodation and subsistence allowances**

1. Countries are implementing very strict visa policies. Please check your Schengen visa and transit visas requirements several weeks in advance. Make the necessary arrangements in your country to obtain them for your full roundtrip. The WTO is not authorized to intervene in this matter and is not responsible for visa fees and other financial issues.
2. You will not be consulted for your travel itinerary. However, your preference will be taken into consideration but is not guaranteed.
3. The organizers will provide you with a round-trip airplane ticket in economy-class, a terminal expenses allowance, accommodation, and a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the activity in Geneva (or full board accommodation for regional activities).
4. Administrative and logistical details will be communicated by e-mail to the selected participants directly.

Please note that the WTO Secretariat DOES NOT assume financial or any other responsibility for items not explicitly mentioned in this Note as being covered. This means that the WTO Secretariat assumes NO responsibility for, among others, the following items:

1. **Expenses incurred in connection with foreign travel formalities (visas, transit visas, taxes, travel to get visas, medical examinations, vaccinations, etc.), expenses during the journey resulting from lack of transit visa or from insufficient passport validity.**
2. Salaries of the participants during their participation in the Activity.
3. Travel or other expenses of any additional persons accompanying the participants.
4. **Travel, medical or accident insurance, or medical expenses regardless of their cause, during the journey to/from the activity or while attending it, including emergency treatment, hospitalization, ambulance or other transportation, evacuation and repatriation.**
5. Loss or damage to the personal effects of the participants during travel or attendance at the Activity.
6. Any modification made by you regarding the hotel booking and the related logistical arrangements.
7. Any personal service or facility you may request during your stay in the hotel where you are accommodated by the WTO, such as: business centre, internet connections, phone calls, room service, laundry, mini-bar or any kind of ground transport.
8. Any modification made BY THE AIRLINE OR BY YOU in connection with the itinerary or the air-tickets issued by the WTO Travel Agency in Geneva. Any additional fees, charges and/or penalties for the air-ticket modifications WILL BE COVERED BY YOU AND NOT BY THE ORGANIZERS.
9. Any damages made by you to the facilities to which you have access during your stay (i.e. hotel room) which will be your responsibility.

I, the undersigned Applicant, declare that I have carefully read this application form and that I accept the aforementioned conditions:

Date, name, signature of the candidate & stamp

THIS COMPLETED FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY YOUR PERMANENT MISSION/EMBASSY, WITH A PDF COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS ONLY, AT THE LATEST BY THE DEADLINE MENTIONED ON PAGE 1

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INCOMPLETE/ILLEGIBLE FORMS, OR FORMS NOT PRESENTED BY THE PERMANENT MISSION, OR PRESENTED BY THE PERMANENT MISSION AFTER THE DEADLINE, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED