

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

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Islamabad, the 14th January, 2021

CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: - WIPO-WTO ADVANCE COURSE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS 28 MARCH 8 APRIL,2022

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self-explanatory U.O No. 4(1)/2022 SO WTO II along with its enclosure dated 13.01.2022 received from WTO Wing of Ministry of Commerce on the above cited subject for placing on the website of the Ministry of Commerce for information.

2. The interested officers of the Ministry who fulfills the eligibility criteria may send their nomination duly approved by their respective heads of the wing/Department to HR-I section latest by **21st January, 2022** positively.

Encl: **As above**


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WTO Wing

**Subject: WIPO-WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS 28 MARCH-8 APRIL 2022**

Please refer to the subject noted above.

2. The WTO and WIPO are jointly organizing a virtual WIPO-WTO Advanced Course on Intellectual Property for Government Officials from 28 March-8 April 2022. The eligibility criteria along with application process is detailed in the Invitation letter, which is attached, along with, draft programme and official nomination letter (to be attached with the online application with a copy of the passport).

3. The government can nominate three officers that meet the eligibility criteria. The deadline to apply for the programme is 31 January 2022.

4. It is, therefore, requested, that this may be widely circulated amongst the officers of the Ministry of Commerce and IPO.

Encl: As Above



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WTO Wing U. No. 4(1)/2022 SO WTO II dated 13.01.2022



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

28 MARCH-8 APRIL 2022

The Secretariats of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will jointly organize a virtual **WIPO-WTO Advanced Course on Intellectual Property for Government Officials**. 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 the selection process for this activity. The course will be held **through a virtual platform over a period of 2 weeks, from 28 March to 8 April 2022**.

About the Course

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).

This course forms part of an overall strategy to build the 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 main objective of the course is to update government officials 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 representing key stakeholders. The emphasis will be on recent developments and policy issues, including those currently under debate in the two Organizations and in other international organizations.

..... An outline of the programme is attached. **The Course will be entirely virtual, and may include pre-recorded videos, live webinars, interactive discussion sessions, case studies and group work.**

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. Nominees without the requisite background in IP will not be considered.

Eligibility and Selection

Approximately thirty (30) places are available for allocation to selected 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;
- have completed an online e-training course on IP or possess proven commensurate knowledge or professional experience;
- demonstrate an extensive practical background in IP law, policy and practice;
- have full command of English to enable you to actively participate in the Course; and
- be nominated by their government.

For past sessions of this course, many more eligible applications have been received than there are places available. Participation is therefore highly selective. Only candidates who meet the above criteria will be considered for possible selection. Incomplete or late applications and applications for candidates who lack these qualifications 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/wipo_wto_ip_advanced_course_2022
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 the Annex below and also attached.
3. The application form, including the passport and nomination letter, should be submitted via the online application system **no later than 31 January 2022**.
4. Applications are to be validated by the Permanent Missions/Embassies to the WTO. Validations should be addressed by email to the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (Email: logistics.unit@wto.org or) **no later than 31 January 2022**.

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.

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel this activity in the event of force majeure, if sufficient funding cannot be secured in time, or for any other reason that render the execution of the activity impracticable for the organizers.

Selected participants will receive confirmation directly.

For Further Information

You may contact jpd@wto.org for further information.

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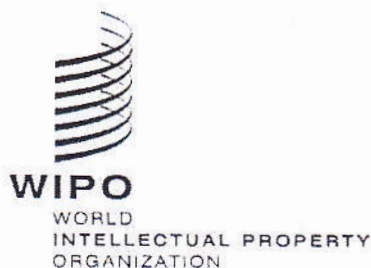
L'Organisation mondiale du commerce organise un cours avancé sur la propriété intellectuelle en collaboration avec l'Organisation mondiale de la propriété intellectuelle (OMPI). Il se tiendra online, du 28 mars au 8 avril 2022. Ce cours étant donné en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature 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 online, del 28 de marzo al 8 de abril de 2022. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.

ANNEX



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ADVANCED COURSE

WIPO-WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

28 MARCH-8 APRIL 2022

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 full command of English to enable the nominee to actively participate in the Course;
- (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, after his/her participation in the Course;
- (d) the nominee has completed an online e-training course on IP or possess proven commensurate knowledge or professional experience; and
- (e) the information supplied by the nominee in the application form is complete and correct.

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Title, official address, telephone and e-mail 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 the 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

BY 31 January 2022

WIPO-WTO Advanced Course on Topical Intellectual Property Issues

Online Advanced Training for 2 Weeks

The Advanced Course will be organized online for two weeks from 28 March – 8 April 2022.

The program will cover IP issues discussed or negotiated at WIPO and WTO with an emphasis on the practical aspects of the following topics:

- IP and economic development;
- IP and AI/digital transformation;
- Patents, undisclosed information, copyright and related rights, trademarks, geographical indications and plant varieties;
- IP enforcement;
- IP and dispute settlement mechanisms;
- IP, trade and public health;
- IP and competition policy;
- IP and technology transfer;
- IP and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions;
- IP and FTAs;
- IP and climate change; and
- IP and business, including small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).