

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE**

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Islamabad, the 24th January, 2022

CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: -2022 WTO VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE TRADE COURSE (14.02.2022-08-04-2022)

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self-explanatory U.O No. 4(1)/2022, dated 20-01-2022, along with its enclosure, received from WTO Wing of the this Ministry, on the subject cited above, for placing on official website of the Ministry of Commerce, for information.

Encl: As above


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WTO Wing

Subject: 2022 WTO VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE TRADE COURSE (14.02.2022 – 08.04.2022)

Please refer to the subject noted above.

2. The Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation of the WTO is organizing the subject course from 14th February to 8th April 2022. In this regard, the invitation letter, application form and tentative programme is enclosed.
3. The enclosed application form must be returned, completed and signed by the candidate and the nominating national authority, via Pakistan's WTO Mission, by 2nd February 2022.
4. It is, therefore, requested, that this may be widely circulated amongst the officers of the Ministry of Commerce.

Encl: As Above



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To: Heads of Delegations Members and Observers to the WTO	E-mail: List attached
From: Bridget Chilala  Director Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation	Date: 19/01/2022
Number of Pages (including this one): 7 pages	Div. Ref: VIR22-2

2022 WTO VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE TRADE COURSE (in English)* 14 February – 8 April 2022

Invitation to present candidates

The Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing the second WTO Virtual Executive Trade Course in English, to be held from Monday 14 February to Friday 8 April 2022.

The purpose of the Virtual Executive Trade Course is to present current issues of interest to the WTO Membership aimed at increasing the understanding on these topics as well as encouraging critical thinking to explore the linkages between WTO rules and disciplines and countries' trade policies and interests in the multilateral trading system.

..... The Virtual Executive Trade Course will be organized in seven modules, each one taking place during a specific calendar week and dealing with a different WTO topic. For each module, an initial session will be made available to registered participants at the beginning of the relevant week. Some modules may include an additional session, such as Q&As and/or a roundtable discussion, organized towards the end of the week in question. Each session will last 90-120 minutes. A tentative programme is attached to this invitation. Sessions may be transmitted live or made available through a pre-recorded video. Due to possible time differences among participants, and to allow flexibility to participants, the sessions will remain available for a period of two consecutive calendar days so that participants may view them at a convenient time. Once registered, participants will have the option of attending the whole course or one or more specific sessions, according to their interest and availability.

The course is targeted at Senior Government Officials who are directly involved in WTO-related work and who already possess a deep knowledge of the general features of the WTO system and the WTO Agreements.

The Governments of Members and Observers to the WTO, which are eligible to benefit from training and technical cooperation activities, are invited to present candidates to participate in this course. Eligible candidates must have relevant and substantial professional knowledge or experience. They must also possess an excellent ability to communicate in English both orally and in writing. **Up to 60 participants** may be selected by the WTO Secretariat to participate in this activity.

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The attached Application Form must be returned, completed and signed by the 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 **Wednesday 2 February 2022**. Selected participants will receive confirmation and additional administrative information directly.

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to modify the programme as necessary. It also 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.

If you require more information about this course, please contact the ITTC's Geneva-based Courses Unit at this address: genevacourses@wto.org.

***Français/Español**

L'Organisation mondiale du commerce (OMC) organise un cours exécutif virtuel sur le commerce, du lundi 14 février au vendredi 8 avril 2022. Ce cours étant donné uniquement en anglais, l'invitation et le formulaire de candidature sont distribués seulement en anglais.

La Organización Mundial del Comercio (OMC) organiza un curso ejecutivo virtual sobre comercio, del lunes 14 de febrero al viernes 8 de abril de 2022. Este curso será dado solamente en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.



WTO APPLICATION FORM

2022 VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE TRADE COURSE

ZOOM PLATFORM

14 FEBRUARY – 8 APRIL 2022

DEADLINE: 2 FEBRUARY 2022

PART I	To be completed by the Applicant in ENGLISH (in CAPITAL LETTERS if handwritten)
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MANDATORY: ALL THE INFORMATION ASKED IN THIS SECTION AND A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT

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Surname	
Given name	
Birth date <i>day/month/year</i>	
Nationality	
Title/Position	
Ministry/ Government entity	
City	
Country/Separate Customs Territory	
Mobile phone n°	
Email addresses*	* Important: all communications and documents will be sent by e-mail, therefore kindly write it as clearly as possible

2022 WTO VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE TRADE COURSE
Monday, 14 February – Friday, 8 April 2022

Tentative Programme

14 February – Opening ceremony

Module 1 – Week of 14 February

(session jointly organized with the WTO Economic Research and Statistics Division):

- *International trade in times of Covid*

Module 2 – Week of 21 February

(session jointly organized with the WTO Market Access Division):

- *Trade Facilitation Agreement – the first 5 years*

Module 3 – Week of 28 February

(session jointly organized with the WTO Trade in Services and Investment Division):

- *Trends and updates on services trade*

Module 4 – Week of 7 March

(session jointly organized with the WTO Agriculture and Commodities Division):

- *UN Food Systems Summit and its links and impact on trade*
- *The G20 Agriculture Market Information System*

Module 5 – Week of 14 March

(session jointly organized with the WTO Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division):

- *Intersections of public health, intellectual property, government procurement and competition policy, especially as regards the pandemic*
- *Roundtable (TBC)*

Module 6 – Week of 21 March

(session jointly organized with the WTO Legal Affairs Division):

- *WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures*
- *Roundtable (TBC)*

Module 7 – Week of 4 April

(session jointly organized with the WTO Council and TNC Division):

- *Current issues under discussion in the WTO General Council – (TBC)*

8 April – Closing ceremony