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Ministry of Commerce

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CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: - ADVANCED COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FROM 20 TO 31 MARCH, 2023

In continuation of HR-I Section's circular of even number dated 18-01-2023 on the above noted subject.

2. Please find enclosed herewith a copy of permanent Mission of Pakistan to WTO Geneva's email dated 18-01-2023 along with invitation letter, application form and draft program of the course, for uploading on the website of the Ministry for information of eligible /interested officer for the above said course.

Encl: **As Above**


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WIPO-WTO Advance Course on Intellectual Property for Government Officials (in English), Geneva - Switzerland, 20-31 March 2023

Inbox

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Wed, Jan 18,
5:56 AM (19
hours ago)

to me, Sadia

Dear Sir,

Following my earlier email, please find attached additional documents for this technical assistance activity.

- An invitation Letter
- An Application Form (kindly note that the **passport is compulsory**)
- A draft Programme of the Course

Candidacies must be returned, completed and signed, to the Permanent Mission/Embassy to the WTO, which will convey them to the WTO Secretariat. Deadline: no later than FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2023.

Best regards,
Haja

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To: Heads of Delegations
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E-mail: List attached

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Date: 16/01/2023

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WIPO-WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

GENEVA, 20-31 MARCH 2023

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, from 20 to 31 March 2023**. 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 technical assistance beneficiaries on the activities and instruments of 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 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.

..... An outline of the programme is enclosed as Attachment A.

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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.

Suitably qualified candidates selected for the course from technical assistance beneficiaries 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.

Eligibility and Selection

Thirty (30) places are available for allocation to a selection of applicants from technical assistance beneficiaries.

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;
- possess an excellent knowledge of English; and
- be nominated by their government.

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 [2023 WIPO-WTO IP Advanced Course - Formstack](#)
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 3 February 2023**.
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.unlt@wto.org or Fax No: +41 22 739 5724) **no later than 3 February 2023**.

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.

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The organizers will provide selected participants from technical assistance beneficiaries with a return economy class ticket, hotel accommodation for the duration of the course, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses allowance. All participants should obtain entry and transit visas, as required, and satisfy all other applicable formalities prior to commencing their travel.

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The WTO and 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

Mr Roger Kampf (Tel: +41 22 739 62 18; Email: roger.kampf@wto.org) and Ms Laura Saitz (Tel: +41 22 739 67 92; Email: laura.saitz@wto.org) are 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 20 au 31 mars 2023. 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 20 al 31 de marzo de 2023. Este curso será dado en inglés, por consiguiente, la invitación y el formulario de candidatura serán distribuidos únicamente en inglés.

ATTACHMENT B

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

Geneva, Switzerland

21-30 March 2023

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:

.....
(signature and seal of responsible government official)

Candidates 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 27 JANUARY 2023



WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DU COMMERCE
ORGANIZACIÓN MUNDIAL DEL COMERCIO



ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE

WIPO-WTO 2023
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH
DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2022

WIPO-WTO Advanced Course on Topical Intellectual Property Policy Issues

organized by

the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
and
the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Geneva
March 20 to 31, 2023

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

prepared by WIPO and WTO

Venue for 1st week: March 20 to 24, 2023 at WIPO

Monday, March 20, 2023

8.30 – 9.00	Registration	
9.00 – 9.30	Introduction of Participants	
9.30 – 10.00	Opening Remarks	
	Speakers:	
10.00 – 10.30	Group photo and coffee break	
10.30 – 12.00	Theme 1	Setting the Policy Context: Intellectual Property (IP) and Public Policy In Developing Countries today
	Moderator:	
10.30 – 11.00		i. Panorama of Global Policy Issues discussed in WIPO Speaker: Mr. Tshimanga Kongolo, Head, Professional Development Program, WIPO Academy
11.00 – 11.30		ii. International IP legal framework and its Interaction with Public Policy Issues, including in other IGO forums Speaker: WTO
11.30 – 12.00		Discussion
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch break	
13.30 – 15.30	Theme 2	Country Reports¹
	Moderator:	Mr. Tshimanga Kongolo, WIPO
	Speakers:	All participants
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee Break	
15.45 – 17.00	Theme 3	Intellectual Property and Economic Development
	Moderator:	
15.45 – 16.15		i. Economics of IP and Development Speaker: WIPO
16.15 – 16.45		ii. Economics of IP and Trade Speaker: WTO
16.45 – 17.00		Discussion

¹ Each participant is provided 5 minutes to introduce the intellectual property system of his/her country, including main IP policy issues and challenges.

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

9.00 – 12.00	Theme 4:	Policy Issues in the Field of Copyright and Related Rights
	Moderator:	
9.00 – 9.30		i. Copyright and Related Rights Issues debated under the SCCR Speaker: WIPO
9.30 – 10.00		ii. WTO Perspectives on Copyright and Related Rights Speaker: WTO
10.00 – 10.30		Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Break	
11.00 – 11.30	Theme 4 (Cont'd)	iii. Recent Developments on Open Access and Open Licensing Speaker: WIPO
11.30 – 12.00		Discussion
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch break	
13.30 – 16.30	Theme 5	Copyright in Digital Environment
	Moderator:	
13.30 – 14.00		i. Digital Copyright Development Speaker: WIPO
14.00 – 14.30		ii. IP and e-Commerce: Discussion on Regulatory Responses at the International Level Speaker: WTO
14.30 – 15.00		Discussion
15.00 – 15.30	Break	
15.30 – 16.30		iii. Exercises on Copyright in Digital Environment Facilitator:

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

9.00 – 12.00	Theme 6	Policy Issues in the Fields of Trademarks and Industrial Designs
	Moderator:	
9.00 – 9.30		i. Trademarks and Industrial Designs in the International Trading System Speaker: WTO
9.30 – 10.00		ii. Issues under Debate in the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Designs and Geographical Indications of WIPO Speaker: WIPO
10.00 – 10.30		Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Break	
11.00 – 11.30	Theme 6 (Cont'd)	New Developments on Industrial Designs Speaker: WIPO
11.30 – 12.00		Discussion
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch break	
13.30 – 16.30	Theme 7	Policy Issues In the Field of Geographical Indications
	Moderator:	
13.30 – 14.00		i. WIPO Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act Speaker: WIPO
14.00 – 14.30		ii. GI Issues discussed at the WTO Speaker: WTO
14.30 – 15.00		Discussion
15.00 – 15.30	Break	
15.30 – 16.30	Theme 7 (Cont'd)	Exercises on GIs Facilitator: WIPO

Thursday, March 23, 2023

9.00 – 12.30	Theme 8	Policy Issues on Patents and Undisclosed Information
	Moderator:	
9.00 – 9.30		i. Selected issues under Debate in the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents Speaker: WIPO
9.30 – 10.00		ii. Patents and Undisclosed Information in the International Trading System Speaker: WTO
10.00 – 10.30		Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Break	
11.00 – 12.30	Theme 8 (Cont'd)	iii. Trade Secrets and Clinical Trial Data
11.00 – 11.30		Speaker: WTO
11.30 – 12.00		Speaker: WIPO
12.00 – 12.30		Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break	
14.00 – 16.00	Theme 9	Protection of Biotechnology - New Developments in Law and Practice
	Moderator:	
14.00 – 14.30		i. Review of Article 27.3 of the TRIPS Agreement and New Developments Speaker: WTO
14.30 – 15.00		ii. Emerging Issues in IP and Biotechnology Speaker: WIPO
15.00 – 15.30		iii. Biotechnology in Practice Speaker: External speaker invited by WTO
15.30 – 16.00		Discussion

Friday, March 24, 2023

9.00 – 10.30	Theme 10	Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions: Recent Developments in WIPO and WTO
	Moderator:	
9.00 – 9.30		i. Current work in the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) Speaker: WIPO
9.30 – 10.00		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 Speaker: WTO
10.00 – 10.30		Discussion
10.30 – 10.45	Break	
10.45 – 11.30	Theme 11	Protection of New Plant Varieties under the UPOV Convention (Law, Policy and Development) Speaker: UPOV
11.30 – 11.45	Break	
11.45 – 16.30		External Briefing on Using IP in Industry (To be confirmed)

Venue for 2nd week: March 27 to 31, 2023 at WTO

Monday, March 27, 2023

09.00 – 12.30	Theme 12	Panel Discussion: Issues at the Crossroads of Public Health, Intellectual Property and Trade
	Moderator:	
09.00 – 09.30		Panelist 1: WTO
09.30 – 10.00		Panelist 2: WIPO
10.00 – 10.30		Panelist 3: WHO
10.30 – 11.00	Break	
11.00 – 12.00	Theme 12 (Cont'd)	Practical Experiences and Perspectives
11.00 – 11.15		Panelist 4:
11.15 – 11.30		Panelist 5:
11.30 – 12.30		Reaction from all Panelists and Discussion
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break	
13.30 – 16.30	Theme 12 (Cont'd)	Exercise on Public Health, IP and Trade
		Introduction, group preparation and presentation
		Facilitators:

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

9.00 – 10.30	Theme 13	IP Provisions In Free Trade Agreements
	Moderator:	
9.00 – 9.30		Speaker: WTO
9.30 – 10.00		Speaker: WIPO
10.00 – 10.30		Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Break	
11.00 – 12.30	Theme 14	Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights
	Moderator:	
11.00 – 11.30		i. Enforcement of IPRs under TRIPS Speaker: WTO
11.30 – 12.00		ii. Building Respect for IP Speaker: WIPO
12.00 – 12.30		Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break	
14.00 – 15.30	Theme 15	IP and Dispute Settlement Mechanisms
	Moderator:	
14.00 – 14.30		i. WIPO IP Mediation, IP Arbitration, and Domain Name Dispute Resolution Speaker: WIPO
14.30– 15.00		ii. IP in WTO Dispute Settlement Cases Speaker: WTO
15.00 – 15.30		Discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Break	
16.00 – 16.30	Theme 16	Interface: Designs, Trademarks, Copyright, and Patents (Practical Approach) Speaker: WIPO speaker

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

9.00 – 11.00	Theme 17	Panel Discussion on Intellectual Property and Climate Change
	Moderator:	
9.00 – 9.30		i. Climate Change and the TRIPS Agreement Panelist 1: WTO
9.30 – 10.00		ii. On-going Work in WIPO, including WIPO GREEN Panelist 2: WIPO
10.00 – 10.30		iii. Practical Experiences and Perspectives on the Development and Dissemination of Innovative Climate Change Technology Panelist 3: External (WIPO)
10.30 – 11.00		Discussion (All panelists)
11.00 – 11.30	Break	
11.30 – 13.00	Theme 18	Application of Competition Policy in relation to IP
	Moderator:	
11.30 – 12.00		i. Competition policy, the TRIPS Agreement and the Global Economy Speaker: WTO
12.00 – 12.30		ii. Interface between IP and Competition Speaker: WIPO
12.30 -13.00		Discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break	
14.30 – 16.30	Theme 19	IP Management, Innovation and Technology Transfer
	Moderator:	
14.30 – 15.00		i. IP Management and Licensing Speaker:WIPO
15.00 – 15.30		ii. The TRIPS Agreement and Technology Transfer Speaker: WTO
15.30 – 16.00		iii. Government Policy over Public Funds in Supporting Innovations Speaker: WIPO
16.00 – 16.30		Discussion