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**ADVANCED COURSE ON WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

**2-6 December 2019**

**Location: TBD**

**Programme**

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| **MONDAY 2.12** | **Content** | **Speaker/Facilitator** |
| **9.30-10.00** | ***Opening of the Course***  ***Instructions on Logistical Issues***  ***Presentation of the programme and objectives*** | TBD |
| **10.00-11.00** | ***Inaugural session: Reform of the Dispute Settlement System*** | TBD |
| **11.10-11.15** | **Coffee break** | |
| **11.15-13.00** | ***Overview of the WTO Dispute Settlement Process (I)*** | TBD |
| **13.00-14.45** | **Lunch** | |
| **14.45 -16.00** | ***Overview of the WTO Dispute Settlement Process (II)*** | TBD |
| **16.00-16.15** | **Coffee break** | |
| **16.15-17.15** | ***[SPS] disputes*** | TBD |

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| **TUESDAY 3.12** | **Content** | **Speaker/Facilitator** |
| **10.00-11.30** | ***Preparing a WTO case: identification of the issues, seeking evidence, evaluating the merits of the case, choice of forum*** | TBD |
| **11.30-11.45** | **Coffee break** |  |
| **11.45-13.00** | ***Consultations: preparation of the request for consultations, organization, process and best practices from the perspective of the complaining and defending parties*** | TBD |
| **13.00-14.30** | **Lunch** | |
| **14.30-16.00** | ***Panel mandate and jurisdiction*** | TBD |
| **16.00-16.15** | **Coffee break** | |
| **16.15-…**  **T1-T2** | ***Practical exercise: preparation of request for establishment of a panel*** | TBD |

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| **WEDNESDAY 4.12** | **Content** | **Speaker/Facilitator** |
| **9:00** | **Deadline for submission of requests for establishment of a panel** | |
| **9.30-10.45** | ***Practical exercise: evaluation of requests for establishment of a panel*** | TBD |
| **10.45-11.00** | **Coffee break** | |
| **11.00-12.30** | ***Panel process (e.g. pre-organizational meetings, open hearings, third party rights, composition, preliminary resources)*** | TBD |
| **13.00-14.30** | **Lunch** | |
| **14.30-16.00** | ***Representing the complainant before Panels, Arbitrators and the Appellate Body: attack tactics, prevention of defences by the defending party, responses to preliminary objections, drafting written submissions*** | TBD |
| **16:00-16:15** | **Pausa café** | |
| **16.15-17.30** | ***Essential knowledge for WTO litigation: burden of proof, evidentiary rules, treatment of confidential information, rules of interpretation*** | TBD |
| **17:30** | ***Introduction of second practical exercise: preparation of defendant's first written submission*** | TBD |

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| **THURSDAY 5.12** | **Content** | **Speaker/Facilitator** |
| **9.30-11.00** | ***Representing the defendant before Panels, Arbitrators and the Appellate Body: defence tactics, preliminary ruling requests, refuting the complainant's allegations, invoking defences*** | TBD |
| **11.00-11.15** | **Coffee break** |  |
| **11.15-15:00**  **T1-T2** | ***Practical exercise: preparation of first written submission of the defendant*** | TBD |
| **15:00** | **Deadline for defendant's submissions** | |
| **15.00-15.30** | **Coffee break** | |
| **15.30-17:00** | ***Standard of Review of Panels and the Appellate Body*** | TBD |

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| **FRIDAY 6.12** | **Content** | **Speaker/Facilitator** |
| **9.30-11.00** | ***Representing parties before a Panel, Arbitrator and the Appellate Body; attack and defence strategies, best practices, arguments, questions*** | TBD |
| **11.00-11.15** | **Coffee break** | |
| **11.15-13.00** | ***Practical Exercise: Simulation of a Panel Meeting*** | TBD |
| **13.00-14.00** | **Lunch** | |
| **14.00-16.00** | ***Roundtable: current issues in WTO dispute settlement*** | TBD |
| **16:00-16:15** | **Coffee break** | |
| **16.15-17.00** | ***Evaluation***  ***Closing*** | TBD |