**2019 ADVANCED COURSE on REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (RTAS) and the WTO**

16-20 September 2019, Geneva

Room T1-T2, 4th Floor

**Programme**

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| **MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER** |

08:30-10:20[[1]](#footnote-1) Opening of the Seminar

Introduction to the Course and "Tour De Table"

10:20-12:30 RTAs Trends and Characteristics

Exercise 1 - WTO Rules on RTAs

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| *12:30-14:30 Lunch* |

14:30-15:15 Transparency Mechanism for RTAs

RTA-IS Database

15:30-17:30 Architecture of WTO Rules on RTAS: Pyramids and Loopholes

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| **TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER** |

09:00-09:40 WTO Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA): Briefing

09:50-13:00 Attendance at the CRTA

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| *13:00-14:00 Lunch* |

14:00-14:15 Debriefing on the CRTA

14:30-17:30 WTO and RTAs on Trade in Services

Services Statistics

WTO Databases on Services: I-Tip

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| **WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER** |

09:00-09:30 Time for consultations

09:30-12:30 Market Access Databases: IDB, TAO, TDF - Lecture and Exercises

WTO Databases: I-TIP for Goods

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| *12:30-14:00 Lunch* |

14:00-16:15 Trade and Tariff Data in the Context of the Transparency Mechanism

16:30-17:30 Exercise 2 – Analysis of a Factual Presentation

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| **THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER** |

09:00-12:30 Specificities of Customs Unions

WTO Schedules of Concessions: Rules and Procedures to Change Them, Including Renegotiations under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994

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| *12:30-14:00 Lunch* |

*14:00-14:15 Group photo*

14:30-17:30 Exercise 3 - Renegotiations under Article XXVIII

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| **FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER** |

09:30-12:30 Presentations By Regional Secretariats

Questions and Replies to Representative of Regional Secretariats

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| *13:00-14:30 Lunch* |

14:30-16:00 General Discussion

 Evaluation

Closing and Diplomas

1. During this session time will be given for participants to go to the Bank for getting their per-diem. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)