

**Virtual Introductory TRADE POLICY course for LDC's**

5 July – 6 August 2021

**PROGRAMME**

**Note**: Due to the time limitations, the programme foresees the use of materials from the E-Learning Online Introduction Course (OIC) throughout the virtual ITPC.

This course will provide exercises, videos, revision sessions, and face to face time slots for each module. These activities are designed to help participants assimilate the learning outcomes of key importance, as well as to allow for questions, answers and more in-depth discussions.

**Week I**

**Monday, 5 July – Friday, 9 July 2021**

Introduction to the Course - Introduction to the WTO: The WTO and the Multilateral Trading System (MTS) - The Basic Principles (BP) and the Exceptions to the Basic Principles of the WTO

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| Central European Time | **Monday, 05 July**  **Introduction to the Course** |  |
| **09:00 –10:15** | Opening remarks  Statements by Bridget Chilala, Director, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation  Presentation of the course: objectives and expectations | WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC) |
| **10:15– 10:30** | **Break** |  |
| **10:30-11:00** | Presentation of the participants | ITTC |
| **11:00 – 12:00** | Technical session (Zoom, Google Drive, E-learning, WTO library, and WTO website and Docs Online)  Online group photo | ITTC  tbd |

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| Central European Time | **Wednesday, 07 July**  **Introduction to the WTO**  **The Basic Principles (BP) and the Exceptions to the Basic Principles** |  |
| **09:00 –09:40** | Introduction to the WTO | ITTC |
| **09:40 – 09:50** | **Break** |  |
| **09:50 –10:50** | The WTO basic principles | ITTC |
| **10:50–**  **11:00** | **Break** |  |
| **11:00**  **12:00** | The exceptions to the WTO basic principles | ITTC |

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| Central European Time | **Friday, 09 July**  **The Basic Principles (BP) and the Exceptions to the Basic Principles of the WTO** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | Summing up: which exception derogates to which BP  Distribution and explanation of the exercise (short cases) | ITTC |
| **10:00 – 10:45** | Exercise in group | ITTC |
| **10:45 – 11:00** | **Break** |  |
| **11:00 – 12:00** | Review of the exercise  Overview of week II (5 min)  General Q&A session (5 min) | ITTC |

**Week II**

**Monday, 12 July – Friday, 16 July 2021**

Market Access – Tariffs - Customs Agreements – Agriculture - The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) - Revision week I

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| Central European Time | **Monday, 12 July**  **Market Access, Tariffs, Customs Agreements** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | Presentation on tariffs, including exercise/questions + Q&A | ITTC |
| **10:00 – 10:10** | **Break** |  |
| **10:10 –11:00** | Presentation / quiz underlying the main points of the customs agreements + Q&A | ITTC |
| **11:00 –**  **11:10** | **Break** |  |
| **11:10**  **12:00** | Session on preferential market access and rules of origin for LDCs | tbd |

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| Central European Time | **Wednesday, 14 July**  **Agriculture** |  |
| **09:00 –10:30** | Agriculture | ITTC |
| **10:30 – 10:45** | **Break** |  |
| **10:45 – 11:50** | Agriculture + Classification exercise | ITTC |
| **11:50**  **12:00** | Quick overview of week II (5 min)  General Q&A session (5 min) | ITTC |

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| Central European Time | **Friday, 16 July** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | Session on TFA | ITTC |
| **10:00 – 10:10** | **Break** |  |
| **10:10 –11:05** | Interactive Quiz on week I (Introduction to the WTO, The Basic Principles and the Exceptions to the Basic Principles) | ITTC |
| **11:05 – 11:15** | **Break** |  |
| **11:15 – 12:00** | Q&A session on week I (Introduction to the WTO, The Basic Principles and the Exceptions to the Basic Principles)  Overview of week III (5 min)  General Q&A session (5 min) | ITTC |

**Week III.**

**Monday, 19 July – Friday, 23 July 2021**

Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) - Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) - Trade Remedies - Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU) - Revision Week II

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| Central European Time | **Monday, 19 July** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | SPS and TBT agreements | ITTC |
| **10:00 – 10:15** | **Break** |  |
| **10:15 – 10:30** | Distribution and explanation of the classification exercise | ITTC |

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| **10:30 – 11:00** | Exercise in group | ITTC |
| **11:00 – 11:05** | **Break** |  |
| **11:05 – 12:00** | Review of the exercise | ITTC |

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| Central European Time | **Wednesday, 21 July** |  |
| **09:00 –10:30** | The multilateral framework governing trade remedies | ITTC |
| **10:30 – 10:45** | **Break** |  |
| **10:45 – 12:00** | DSU | ITTC |

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| Central European Time | **Friday, 23 July** |  |
| **09:00 –09:45** | Q&A session on trade remedies + Q&A session on DSU | ITTC |
| **09:45 – 09:55** | **Break** |  |
| **09:55 –11:05** | Interactive Quiz on week II (Market Access, Custom issues, Agriculture and TFA) | ITTC |
| **11:05 – 11:15** | **Break** |  |
| **11:15 – 12:00** | Q&A session on week II: (Market Access, Custom issues, Agriculture and TFA)  Overview of week IV (5 min)  General Q&A session (5 min) | ITTC |

**Week IV.**

**Monday, 26 July – Friday, 30 July 2021**

GATS – TRIPS - Regionalism and the Enabling Clause - Revision Week II

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| Central European Time | **Monday, 26 July** |  |
| **09:00 –10:15** | Services | ITTC |
| **10:15 – 10:30** | **Break** |  |
| **10:30 – 12:00** | How to read / prepare a schedule of specific commitments | ITTC |

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| Central European Time | **Wednesday, 28 July** |  |
| **09:00 –10:30** | TRIPS | ITTC |
| **10:30 – 10:45** | **Break** |  |
| **10:45 – 12:00** | TRIPS | ITTC |

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| Central European Time | **Friday, 30 July** |  |
| **09:00 –09:45** | Regionalism and the Enabling Clause | ITTC |
| **09:45 – 09:55** | **Break** |  |
| **09:55 – 11:10** | Interactive Quiz on week III: (SPS-TBT, Trade Remedies and DSU) | ITTC |
| **11:10 – 11:15** | **Break** |  |
| **11:15 – 12:00** | Q&A session on week III: (SPS-TBT, Trade Remedies and DSU)  Overview of week V (5 min)  General Q&A session (5 min) | ITTC |

**Week V.**

**Monday, 2 August – Friday, 6 August 2021**

Horizontal Issues - Revision Week IV - Final Exam

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| Central European Time | **Monday, 2 August** |  |
| **09:00 –09:50** | Interactive Quiz on week IV: (GATS, TRIPS and Regionalism)  Q&A short session on GATS, TRIPS and Regionalism | ITTC |
| **09:50 – 10:00** | **Break** |  |
| **10:00 – 11:00** | Presentation on the Development aspects – S&D: Overview of S&D principle for developing countries / LDCs in WTO / S&D for LDCs | ITTC |
| **11:00 – 11:10** | **Break** |  |
| **11:10-**  **12:00** | Presentation on the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)  Quick overview of the rest of the week (5 min)  General Q&A session (5 min) |  |
| **Home Task** | Review all the subjects of the course  Final exam (1h30) (to be handed in by Thursday, 5 August) |  |

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| Central European Time | **Wednesday, 4 August** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | Overview of transparency provisions and notification requirements | ITTC |
| **10:00 – 10:10** | **Break** |  |
| **10:10 –11:00** | Current Status of WTO Negotiations + Q&A | ITTC |
| **11:00 – 11:10** | **Break** |  |
| **11:10 – 12:00** | Trade and Environment issues  Quick overview of the rest of the week (5 min)  General Q&A session (5 min) | ITTC |
| **Home Task** | Prepare questions / comments for the Friday session  Final exam (1h30) (to be handed in by Thursday, 5 August) |  |

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| Central European Time | **Friday, 6 August** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | Review of test results (1h) | ITTC |
| **10:00 – 10:15** | **Break** |  |
| **10:15 – 11:00** | Evaluation of the Course (45 min) | ITTC |
| **11:00-11:30** | Closing Ceremony (30 min) |  |