Virtual Introductory TRADE POLICY course for LDCs

25 April – 25 may 2022

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

The programme foresees the use of materials from the E-Learning Online "Introduction to the WTO" Course (OIC) throughout this virtual ITPC. This course includes presentations, exercises, videos and revision sessions. 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, 25 April – Friday, 29 April 2022**

Introduction to the Course – Introduction to the WTO: The WTO and the Multilateral Trading System (MTS) – The Basic Principles and the Exceptions to the Basic Principles of the WTO – Regionalism and the Enabling Clause

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| Central European Time (CET) | **Monday, 25 April** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | Opening of the course  Welcome remarks by xxx  Presentation of the course: objectives and expectations  Online group photo |  |
| **10:00– 10:15** | **Break** |  |
| **10:15-11:00** | Technical session (Zoom, E-Campus Virtual Classroom (VC), WTO website and Documents Online) |  |
| **11:00 – 12:00** | Introduction to the WTO |  |

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| CET | **Wednesday, 27 April** |  |
| **09:00 –09:40** | The WTO basic principles |  |
| **09:40 – 09:50** | **Break** |  |
| **09:50 –10:50** | The exceptions to the WTO basic principles |  |
| **10:50–**  **11:00** | **Break** |  |
| **11:00**  **12:00** | Summing up: which exception derogates to which BP |  |

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| CET | **Friday, 29 April** |  |
| **09:00 –09:45** | Distribution and explanation of the exercise (short cases) |  |
| **09:45 – 10:30** | Exercise in group |  |
| **10:30 – 10:45** | **Break** |  |
| **10:45 – 11:30** | Review of the exercise |  |
| **11:00 – 12:00** | Regionalism and the Enabling Clause  Overview of week II (3 min) |  |

**Week II**

**Monday, 2 May – Friday, 6 May 2022**

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

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| CET | **Monday, 2 May** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | Presentation on tariffs, including exercise/questions |  |
| **10:00 – 10:10** | **Break** |  |
| **10:10 –11:00** | Presentation / quiz underlying the main points of the customs agreements |  |
| **11:00 –**  **11:10** | **Break** |  |
| **11:10**  **12:00** | Session on preferential market access and rules of origin for LDCs |  |

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| CET | **Wednesday, 4 May** |  |
| **09:00 –10:30** | Agriculture |  |
| **10:30 – 10:45** | **Break** |  |
| **10:45 – 12:00** | Agriculture + practical exercise |  |

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| CET | **Friday, 6 May** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | Session on the TFA |  |
| **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, Regionalism and the Enabling Clause) |  |
| **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, Regionalism and the Enabling Clause)  Overview of week III (3 min) |  |

**Week III**

**Monday, 9 May – Friday, 13 May 2022**

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

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| CET | **Monday, 9 May** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | SPS and TBT Agreements: Introduction |  |
| **10:00 – 10:15** | **Break** |  |
| **10:15 – 10:30** | Practical exercise |  |

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| **10:30 – 11:00** | Exercise and review |  |
| **11:00 – 11:05** | **Break** |  |
| **11:05 – 12:00** | (Exercise (continued) (TBC)  Transparency in the SPS and TBT Agreements and ePing notification alert system |  |

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| CET | **Wednesday, 11 May** |  |
| **09:00 –10:30** | The multilateral framework governing trade remedies |  |
| **10:30 – 10:45** | **Break** |  |
| **10:45 – 12:00** | DSU |  |

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| CET | **Friday, 13 May** |  |
| **09:00 –09:45** | Current Status of WTO Negotiations + Q&As |  |
| **09:45 – 09:55** | **Break** |  |
| **09:55 –11:05** | Interactive Quiz on week II (Market Access, Customs issues, Agriculture and TFA) |  |
| **11:05 – 11:15** | **Break** |  |
| **11:15 – 12:00** | Q&A session on week II: (Market Access, Customs issues, Agriculture and TFA)  Overview of week IV (3 min) |  |

**Week IV**

**Monday, 16 May – Friday, 20 May 2022**

GATS – TRIPS – Development aspects-S&D – Revision Week III

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| CET | **Monday, 16 May** |  |
| **09:00 –10:15** | Services |  |
| **10:15 – 10:30** | **Break** |  |
| **10:30 – 12:00** | How to read / prepare a schedule of specific commitments |  |

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| CET | **Wednesday, 18 May** |  |
| **09:00 –10:30** | TRIPS |  |
| **10:30 – 10:45** | **Break** |  |
| **10:45 – 12:00** | TRIPS |  |

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| CET | **Friday, 20 May** |  |
| **09:00 –10:00** | Presentation on the Development aspects – S&D: Overview of S&D principle for developing countries / LDCs in the WTO / S&D for LDCs |  |
| **10:00 – 10:15** | **Break** |  |
| **10:15 – 11:15** | Interactive Quiz on week III: (SPS-TBT, Trade Remedies and DSU) |  |
| **11:15 – 12:00** | Q&A session on week III: (SPS-TBT, Trade Remedies and DSU)  Overview of week V (3 min) |  |

**Week V**

**Monday, 23 May – Wednesday, 25 May 2022**

Trade and Environment – Transparency – Government Procurement – Enhanced Integrated Framework – Revision Week IV – Final Exam

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| CET | **Monday, 23 May** |  |
| **09:00 –10:15** | Interactive Quiz on week IV: (GATS, TRIPS, Development aspects - S&D)  Q&A session on week IV (GATS, TRIPS, Development aspects - S&D) |  |
| **10:15 – 10:30** | **Break** |  |
| **10:30 – 11:15** | Trade and Environment |  |
| **11:15-12:00** | Overview of transparency provisions and notification requirements |  |
| ***Home Task*** | *Review all the subjects of the course*  *Reminder for the Final Exam on Tuesday, 24 May, 9.45 am-11:30 am* |  |

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| CET | **Tuesday, 24 May** |  |
| **09:45 –11:30** | Final Exam (1h30) |  |

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| CET | **Wednesday, 25 May** |  |
| **09:00 –09:45** | Government Procurement |  |
| **09:45 – 10:45** | Review of test results |  |
| **10:45 –11:00** | **Break** | |
| **11:00 – 11:40** | Presentation on the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) |  |
| **11:40 – 12:00** | Closing of the course  Evaluation (sent by email) |  |