

INDIVIDUAL COURSE DETAILS

Specialised Training on Trade Remedies under WTO, TRIMS, WTO Disputes and RTAs

From 15 January to 24 January 2024

A. Name of the Institute	Centre for WTO Studies
B. Name/Title of the Course	Specialised Training on Trade Remedies under WTO, TRIMS, WTO Disputes and RTAs
C. Course Dates with Duration in Weeks <i>[note: dates may be fixed keeping in mind festivals, holidays, weather conditions, availability of accommodations, etc. No request for change in dates, once approved/ circulated will be entertained]</i>	From 15 January to 24 January 2024 Duration: Two weeks
D. Eligibility Criteria for Participants 1. Educational Qualifications 2. Work Experience required, if any 3. Age Limit <i>[note: ITEC norms is 25-45 years]</i> 4. Target Group <i>[Level of participants and target ministries/departments etc. may be indicated]</i>	Minimum Educational Qualification should be Graduation. The course is aimed for middle/senior government officials working in the Trade or Commerce Ministries in developing and least developed country, with a specific interest and knowledge in the identified areas.
E. Aims & Objectives of the Course	The main objective of the course is to enhance the understanding of the participants of the legal provisions of the WTO Agreements relating to Anti-dumping, Subsidies, Safeguards and

	Dispute Settlement; the practical aspects of imposition of these trade remedy measures; Agreement on TRIMS; negotiations of RTAs and the important aspects of RTA negotiations and the relevant GATT provisions.
F. Course Contents / Syllabus [<i>please attach course details / profile in Word Format for uploading on ITEC website</i>]	As per Annexure II-C.1
G. Mode of evaluation of performance of the participants	Based on class participation. This is a certificate course

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Background and Rationale for Training

The establishment of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has created a complex, rules-based system, which is backed by a strong dispute settlement mechanism. Developing and least developed countries are faced with a number of opportunities and challenges and it becomes imperative for policy makers and negotiators to have a comprehensive understanding of the various constitutive issues as well as of the parallel growth of regional trade agreements (RTAs). This would support their capacity for prepared and coherent approaches to the commitments being undertaken and for effective participation in the multilateral trading system towards reaping its benefits.

While there are a range of disciplines being created and administered by the WTO, various aspects can be taken up for specialised and in depth study. The focal WTO and multilateral trade related issues to be taken up for the proposed training are WTO rules (pertaining to Anti-dumping, Subsidies and Safeguard mechanisms), Trade Related Investment Measures (TRIMS), Dispute settlement and the multiplicity of RTAs.

Each of the identified areas has considerable relevance for the developing and least developed countries. WTO rules, in terms of the agreements pertaining to anti-dumping, subsidies and countervailing measures, and safeguards provide a framework to check unfair trade practices or respond to a sudden surge in imports causing injury to domestic industry. Thus there is a need to have a grasp of the situations in which trade remedies can be invoked or how they are to be countered. TRIMS Agreement is relevant for understanding the obligations WTO Members have undertaken which have a bearing on domestic policies relating to foreign investments. The dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO allows for the enforcement of WTO rules and it is useful to have working knowledge of the process to be able to derive maximum advantage. Furthermore, the mushrooming of regional trade agreements is creating an increasingly complex and overlapping network of provisions including rules of origin, WTO plus provisions, etc., the implications of which need to be analysed and absorbed for informed decision-making in this regard.

Course Structure and Duration

Given the rationale for the training, the Centre has developed a capacity building programme towards enhancing the understanding in the areas as identified, various provisions and scope for application with reference to rules and dispute settlement procedures, rights and obligations of member countries and the process as established, as well as regional trading dynamics and trends, etc.

The training will be imparted through classroom sessions including lectures, training tools as case studies, mock negotiations and group work. The tentative programme agenda and schedule for the training is provided at Section II.C.2 of the Annex.

The duration of the training programme will be eight working days and a weekend in between. The classroom sessions and field visits will be scheduled during the course of the eight working days and a cultural visit to the Taj Mahal at Agra will be organised during the intervening weekend.

Eligibility for Participation

The programme is intended for senior and middle level Government officials working in the Trade or Commerce Ministries in developing and least developed country, with a specific interest and knowledge in the identified areas.

Faculty and Pedagogy

Experts and Resource Persons specialising in the identified components of the trade discourse would conduct the classroom sessions. These include faculty of the Centre for WTO Studies and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, senior officials of the Department of Commerce, Government of India, as well as representatives from international institutions.

The pedagogy for the programme will include lectures, discussions and panel presentations as well as case studies and group work to provide participants with opportunities to develop their skills. Indian trade negotiators at the WTO will also be invited to provide their insights and stimulate discussion in these sessions.

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction will be English and no translation will be available.

Organisation of Training Programme

It is proposed that the Centre organise the training programme in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Tentative Programme

Specialised Course on Trade Remedies under WTO (Anti-Dumping, Subsidies, Safeguards), TRIMS, Dispute Settlement and RTAs

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Day 1, Classroom	
1000-1030 hrs	<i>Registration</i>
1030-1115 hrs	<i>Inaugural Session</i> <i>Welcome Address</i> <i>Special Address</i>
1115-1130 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1130-1245 hrs	<i>Session 1</i> An Overview of WTO Agreements: Their Coverage and Scope
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Session 2</i> An Overview of Trade Remedy Instruments in WTO
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 3</i> WTO Agreement on Anti-Dumping : Overview Part I (Initiation, Dumping Margin : Practice and WTO jurisprudence)
Day 2, Classroom	
1000-1115 hrs	<i>Session 4</i> WTO Agreement on Anti Dumping: Overview Part II (Injury, Causal Link, Duty Imposition and Review : Practice and WTO jurisprudence)
1115-1130 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1130-1245 hrs	<i>Session 5</i>

	Practical Exercise: Anti-Dumping
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Delhi Sightseeing (Qutub Minar, Dilli Haat)</i>
Day 3, Classroom	
1000-1115 hrs	<i>Session 6</i> Practical Exercise: Anti-Dumping
1115-1130 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1130-1245 hrs	<i>Session 7</i> Practical Exercise: Anti-Dumping
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Session 8</i> WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (Subsidy Rules and WTO jurisprudence)
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 9</i> WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (Subsidy Rules and WTO jurisprudence)
Day 4, Classroom	
1000-1115 hrs	<i>Session 10</i> Countervailing Duty Investigation: Practice and WTO jurisprudence
1115-1130 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1130-1245 hrs	<i>Session 11</i> Practical Exercise: Countervailing duty investigation
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Session 12</i> Rules Negotiations under the Doha Round: AD, ASCM issues including Fisheries Subsidies
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 13</i> WTO Agreement on Safeguards: Overview
Day 5 Classroom	

1000-1115 hrs	<i>Session 14</i> Notification obligations under Safeguard Agreement Safeguard Investigation: Practical Exercise
1115-1130 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1130-1245 hrs	<i>Session 15</i> Trade Related Investment Measures (TRIMS)-Implications for Developing Countries WTO Case laws on TRIMS
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Session 16</i> Dynamics of Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs)
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 17</i> Emerging Trends in Mega RTAs
Day 6 (Saturday) Sightseeing visit to Taj Mahal, Agra	
Day 7 (Sunday)	
Day 8, Classroom	
1000-1115 hrs	<i>Session 18</i> Rules of Origin: Complexities under the WTO and RTAs
1115-1130 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1130-1245 hrs	<i>Session 19</i> Emergence of WTO Plus Provisions in RTAs
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Session 20</i> Trade Remedies under RTAs negotiations Dispute Settlement texts in RTAs
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 21</i> Presentation by participants on RTA membership of their countries
Day 9, Classroom	
1000-1115 hrs	<i>Session 22</i> WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism : Overview
1115-1130 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1130-1245 hrs	<i>Session 23</i> Dispute Settlement Process under DSU : Various Steps in DSU process & Practical Insights
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1515 hrs	<i>Sessions 24</i> Discussion on a Panel/ Appellate Body Report
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 25</i>

	Mock Dispute
Day 10, Classroom	
1000-1115 hrs	<i>Session 26</i> Mock Dispute
1115-1130 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1130-1245 hrs	<i>Session 27</i> DSU Reforms under the Doha Round
1245-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1530 hrs	<i>Closing Session</i> Collation of Lessons from the Indian Experience and Feedback on Training Distribution of Certificates