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20TH WTO TRADE POLICY COURSE BEGINS

Government officials from 27 countries attended the opening session of the 20th WTO Trade Policy Course, which is being held in Spanish. The brief ceremony was chaired by Mr. Paul-Henri Ravier, Deputy Director-General of the WTO, who, on behalf of Mike Moore, welcomed all the participants.

Mr. Ravier underlined that the 27 trade officials will have a unique opportunity to follow, from the inside, the work of the WTO at a moment when Members are entering into negotiations under the various mandates which had been adopted by Ministers in Doha, Qatar, last November.

Mr. Ravier invited the participants to actively take part in the forthcoming training and to absorb as much as possible from their three-month stay at the WTO Headquarters. He stressed the efforts recently made by the WTO Members and the Secretariat to diversify the opportunities to be trained on WTO matters and to double the training capacities in terms of the number of participants granted fellowships.

Throughout the three-month training, which will end on 19 July, the 27 participating officials will become acquainted, through lectures, round-tables and simulation exercises, with virtually all activities carried out in the framework of the WTO as well as with trade-related aspects of the work conducted by other international organizations located in Geneva.

Participants will start their programme by attending the Symposium on "The Doha Development Agenda and Beyond" which is also taking place at the WTO Headquarters between 29 April and 1 May.

It is worth noting that among the 27 participants, 19 come from Latin America and the Caribbean and 8 are from outside the region. The list of participants of the 20th Trade Policy Course is annexed.

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20TH WTO TRADE POLICY COURSE - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Angola	Mr. Joaquim PEREIRA DA GAMA, Specialist, National Department for Bilateral Trade Cooperation, International Exchange Cabinet, Ministry of Trade, Luanda.
Argentina	Mr. Federico GONZÁLEZ PERINI, Secretary of Embassy, Directorate for Multilateral Economic Negotiations (DIREM), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Buenos Aires.
Bolivia	Mr. Mauricio DORFLER, First Secretary, Vice-Ministry of International Economic Relations and Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, La Paz.
Brazil	Mr. Antonio Otavio SA RICARTE, Assistant General Coordinator for Disputes, General Dispute Coordination Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Palácio Itamaraty, Brasília.
Burundi	Mr. Serge BIRIZANYE, Counsellor, Industrial Development Department, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Bujumbura.
Colombia	Mr. José Rafael BARBOSA, Advisor, Directorate of Economic Integration, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Bogotá.
Costa Rica	Miss Ana Ericka VIQUEZ ALVAREZ, Advisor, Directorate-General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Foreign Trade, San José.
Croatia	Miss Olja ZANINOVIC, Assistant Director, Foreign Relations and Trade Policy Department, Trade Policy Division, WTO and EU, Ministry of the Economy, Zagreb.
Cuba	Mrs. Belsis Isabel LLORENTE DIAZ, Trade Policy Officer, International Organizations Division, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Havana.
Chile	Miss Cynthia Andrea CARRASCO ARMIJO, Assistant, FTAA and North America Department, Directorate-General of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Santiago.
Dominican Republic	Miss Luisa ASTACIO NUÑEZ, World Trade Organization Coordinator, Trade Negotiations Branch, Secretariat of State for Foreign Affairs, Santo Domingo.
El Salvador	Miss Norma del Carmen CASTELLANOS CABEZAS, Official Negotiator on Subsidies, Antidumping and Countervailing Duties, Trade Policy Division, Ministry of the Economy, San Salvador.
Equatorial Guinea	Mr. Deogracias-Ondo NKOGO EYANG, Coordinator, General Secretariat, Ministry of Industry, Trade and SMEs, Malabo.
Georgia	Mr. Nugzar DUCHIDZE, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs, Tbilisi.

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Guatemala	Mr. Mike Roberto ESTRADA AJÁ, Advisor on Foreign Trade and Negotiator, Policy and Strategic Information Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food, Guatemala.
Guinea-Bissau	Mr. Domingos KEBATY, Director, Department of Internal Trade, Secretariat of State for Trade, Industry and Handicrafts, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Bissau.
Haiti	Mr. Jean-Baptiste MATELLUS, Head, Foreign Commercial Service, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Port-au-Prince.
Honduras	Mrs. América TURCIOS SÁNCHEZ, Agricultural Negotiator, International Negotiations Division, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Tegucigalpa.
Mexico	Miss Lilia Margarita CAMACHO BRANDI, Director for the Monitoring and Administration of Free-Trade Agreements, General Coordination Commission for Negotiations with Latin America, the FTAA, Europe and the Services Sector, Ministry of the Economy, Mexico F.D.
Mozambique	Mrs. Anchura A.A. URCY, Customs Supervisor, Computer and Statistics Division, Technical Team for the Implementation of the WTO Customs Valuation Agreement, Directorate-General of Customs, Maputo.
Nicaragua	Mrs. Lyliana Herminia SÁENZ, Head, Department of International Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Development, Managua.
Panama	Miss Velkis D. AFÚ VALDÉS, Negotiating Lawyer, National Directorate of International Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Panama.
Paraguay	Mr. Octavio Odilón FERREIRA GINI, Technical Officer, Directorate of Multilateral Economic Agencies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Asunción.
Peru	Mr. Ernesto Emilio GUEVARA LAM, Counsellor to the Deputy Minister of Integration and International Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Integration and International Trade Negotiations, Lima.
Uruguay	Mrs. Ivannah María GARELLI RUGGIA, Advisor, Trade Policy and International Negotiations, Directorate-General for Trade, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Montevideo.
Venezuela	Mr. Emir José MOROS ADAMS, Planner IV, Directorate of International Affairs, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Caracas F.D.
Viet Nam	Miss Loan NGUYEN THI THANH, Trade Policy Expert, Department of Trade Policy for Europe, America and the International Economic Organizations, Ministry of Trade, Hanoi.

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