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## WTO TRADE POLICY COURSES

### **Doubling of Training Capacity: 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Trade Policy Courses launched in Parallel**

Coinciding with the inauguration of new training facilities, WTO Deputy Director-General Paul-Henri Ravier launched on Monday 16 September the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Residential Trade Policy Courses, to be held in parallel for the first time since the beginning of these courses in 1955. It will be recalled that the WTO Members had approved in December 2001 the resources to finance the doubling of the 12-week Trade Policy Courses and the construction and equipment of two new training rooms, in addition to the recruitment of additional training officers.

"These are new times", Mr. Ravier said. "A new Director-General is in office, new Deputy Directors-General will soon join the Secretariat and we are inaugurating new training rooms". He highlighted that in doubling the training capacity of the WTO Secretariat, Members were implementing the Ministerial Decision adopted by the WTO Ministerial Conference, held in November 2001 in Qatar, to broaden the training activities which take place simultaneously in the field, in Geneva, and through information technology instruments.

Mr. Ravier urged the participants to fully take advantage of their stay at the WTO in order to become familiar with the work and functioning of the WTO. By attending meetings, discussing with delegates and WTO experts on issues related to the implementation of the WTO Agreements, the participants would be able to establish a useful network of contacts in Geneva and among the other participants of the course.

The 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> WTO Residential Trade Policy Courses will end on 6 December 2002. The 12-week programme encompasses lectures on the WTO Agreements, practical exercises and simulations, and covers several other trade-related topics. The participants will attend meetings of WTO bodies and visit other international organizations. Fifty-eight trade officials from developing countries, countries with economies in transition and least-developed countries are attending the courses (8 from the Caribbean and Latin America; 9 from economies in transition, 13 from Africa, 7 from Middle Eastern countries and 21 from Asia and the Pacific). Thirteen participants come from least-developed countries.

## 21<sup>st</sup> WTO trade policy course — list of participants

Bangladesh	Mr. Nesar AHMED, Assistant Trade Consultant, ITO Wing, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
Barbados	Miss Kay Olivia SEALY, Senior Economist, Foreign Trade Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, St. Michael.
Brazil	Mr. Roberto DORING PINHO DA SILVA, Assistant to the General Co-ordinator, General Coordination of International Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Relations, Brasilia.
Brunei Darussalam	Mr. Zamani RAZALI, Special Duties Officer, International Relations and Trade Development Division, Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei.
China	Ms. Miao Miao SHI, Director, Division of Inquiry and Technical Support, Department for WTO Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, Beijing.
Ghana	Mr. Benjamin Kwadzo HEH, Senior Commercial Officer, Foreign and Domestic Trade Management Division, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Accra.
Hong Kong, China	Miss Priscilla LIU, Trade Officer, Multilateral Division, Trade and Industry Department, Trade and Industry Bureau, Kowloon.
India	Mr. Shailendra KUMAR, Officer on Special Duty, Centre for WTO Studies, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi.
Jordan	Mr. Luay Salim JADDOUN, Economic Researcher, Trade Policy Review Division, Foreign Trade Policy Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Amman.
Kyrgyz Rep.	Miss Rimma TOMAEVA, Head, International Cooperation and Tariff Policy Division, Main Department of External Economic Relations, Trade and WTO Issues, Ministry of External Trade and Industry, Bishkek.
Lao PDR	Mrs. Songkarn ANOULATH, Technical Official, International Trade Policy Division, Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce, Vientiane.
Latvia	Mrs. Rigonda Parsla LERHE, Director, Department of Agricultural Strategy, Ministry of Agriculture, Riga.
Lesotho	Miss Lekoetse Mary-Louisa LEUTA, Chief Trade Development Officer, External Trade Department, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Marketing, Maseru.
Oman	Mr. Khalid AL-MAAWALI, Head of Customs Valuation, Directorate General of Customs, Royal Oman Police, Muscat.
Pakistan	Mr. Rafeo BASHIR, Deputy Director, International Trade (WTO Cell), Export Promotion Bureau, Ministry of Commerce, Karachi.

Papua New Guinea	Mrs. Jacinta Judith Somoi WARAKAI-MANUA, Assistant Director, WTO Branch, Trade Division, Department of Trade and Industry, Waigani.
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Mrs. Jasemin Clarita WARNER, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of International Trade and Caricom Affairs, Basseterre.
South Africa	Miss Pumla NCAPAYI, Trade and Industry Advisor, International Trade and Economic Development, Department of Trade and Industry, Pretoria.
Sri Lanka	Mr. D.G.A.P. DHARMAPRIYA, Assistant Director of Commerce, Multilateral Trade Relations and Development, Department of Commerce, Colombo.
Sudan	Mrs. Rahba MOHAMED, Quality Analyst Officer for SPS and TBT Inquiry Points, Quality Control Department, Sudanese Standards and Metrology Organisation, Khartoum.
Suriname	Miss Henna DJOSETIKO, Deputy Director of Trade, Department of Trade, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Paramaribo.
Syrian Arab Rep.	Mr. Tamim MADANI, Third Secretary, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Damascus.
Tajikistan	Mrs. Dilnoza Rustamovna MIRZOEVA, Deputy Head, Department of External Economic and Trade Policies, WTO Unit, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Dushanbe.
Thailand	Miss Kanitha KUNGSAWANICH, Trade Officer, Bureau of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Department of Business Economics, Ministry of Commerce, Bangkok.
Tonga	Mrs. Salote Vaimoana TAUKOLO, Senior Trade Officer, Commerce Division, Trade Policy Unit, Ministry of Labour, Commerce and Industries, Nuku'alofa.
Turkey	Miss Dilsad KIRBASLI, Third Secretary, Deputy Directory General for Multilateral Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Balgat-Ankara.
Uganda	Miss Peninah Kyohairwe SIMBA, Head, International Affairs, Customs Department, Uganda Revenue Authority, Kampala.
Uzbekistan	Mr. Alisher Murzaevich MURSALIYEV, Deputy Head, Department of International Economic Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Tashkent.
Zimbabwe	Miss Riyana CHIBANDA, Principal Economist, International Trade Division — WTO Section, Ministry of Industry and International Trade, Harare.

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Bahamas	Mr. Charles James TURNER, Superintendent of Customs, Bahamas Customs, Nassau
Bahrain	Mr. Saleh Yusuf AL-SALEH, Permanent Mission, Chambésy, Switzerland
Bhutan	Miss Karma Sonam DORJI, Trade Officer, Department of Trade, Foreign Trade Division, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Thimphu.
Botswana	Mr. Stilwell DAMBUZA, Senior Agricultural Economist, Agricultural Planning and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Gaborone
Egypt	Mr. Mohamed ABD AL KADER, Commercial Attaché, Diplomat, International Economic Organisation, Egyptian Commercial Representation, Ministry of Foreign Trade, El Giza
Ethiopia	Mrs. Brikti Gugssa KEBEDE, Team Leader, Import Follow-up Team, Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Addis Ababa
Fiji	Mrs. Tupou Ditoka RATURAGA, Chief Economist (WTO), International Economic Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Suva
Guyana	Miss Nikki Nalinde CARRINGTON, Research Officer, Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation, Georgetown
Jamaica	Miss Cheryl Kay SPENCER, Foreign Service Officer, Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Kingston
Kazakhstan	Miss Indira KASSYMOVA, Head of Sub-Division, Department of Trade, International Cooperation and Export Control, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Astana
Kiribati	Mr. Betero Taon TOKARURU, International Trade Promotion Officer, International Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Tarawa
Kuwait	Mr. Fahad Ali BAGER, Head, Intellectual Property Section, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Kuwait City
Lithuania	Mrs. Dangirute VEST, Second Secretary, Division of International Economic Organisations, Department of Economics, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vilnius
Macao	Mr. Veng Kuy DUONG, Senior Officer, Research and Economic Analysis Division, Macao Economic Services, Macao
Maldives	Miss Mariyam HAMID, Senior Secretary, International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Malé

Moldova	Miss Marina FOLTEA, Trade Lawyer/Expert in WTO Issues, Multilateral Trade Relations and WTO Division, Ministry of Economy, Chisinau
Myanmar	Mr. Myint SOE, Assistant Director, International Trade Promotion Department, Directorate of Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Yangon
Namibia	Mr. Mesag MULUNGA, Trade Policy Analyst, Directorate of International Trade, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Windhoek
Nepal	Mr. Binod Prasad ACHARYA, Under Secretary, WTO Division, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Kathmandu
Nigeria	Mr. Adamu Mohammed ABDULHAMID, Senior Commercial Officer, External Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce, Federal Ministry of Commerce, Abuja
Pakistan	Mr. Habib ur-Rehman GILANI, Section Officer (WTO Wing), Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad
Romania	Miss Adina Maria LEULESCU, Attaché, Department for Foreign Trade and Economic Promotion, Directorate for Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest
Saudi Arabia	Mr. Abdulaziz Abdullah AL-SAIF, Legal Advisor, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Commerce, Riyadh
Swaziland	Mr. Stephen Thembinkosi MOTSA, Senior Planning Officer, Planning Unit, Ministry of Enterprise and Employment, Mbabane
Chinese Taipei	Miss Ming-Yea LIN, Specialist, The Third (WTO) Department, Board of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan
Tanzania	Mr. Lucas Ndewogaona SARONGA, Principal Trade Officer III, Trade Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Dar-es-Salaam
Trinidad and Tobago	Mr. Norris Joseph HERBERT, Senior Economist, Trade Development and Promotion, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Port Of Spain
Ukraine	Miss Nataliya VASYLCHENKO, Senior Specialist, Administration on WTO Cooperation, Ministry of Economy and European Integration, Kyiv
Yemen	Mr. Abdul Ghani Mohammed HAMEED, Co-ordinator Officer, Communication and Coordination Office with WTO, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Sana'a

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