

THREE WEEKS  
**CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME ON WTO ISSUES  
FOR OFFICIALS FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES**

(March 24 -11 Apr 2008, New Delhi)

**Introduction**

The establishment of World Trade Organisation (WTO) in January 1995 has significantly transformed the legal landscape of the world trading system, making the WTO an important international institution, with its unique and strong dispute settlement system. The Anti-dumping Agreement, Agreement of Safeguard and Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement provide a legal framework to check unfair trade practice or to respond to a sudden surge in imports causing injury to domestic industry. There is a need for developing countries to have a comprehensive understanding on the issues of anti-dumping, safeguards, subsidies and countervailing measures as well as the WTO dispute Settlement System. The two week capacity building programme is structured with a view to further strengthen the capacities of officials from African countries in these areas so that they could make appropriate use of trade remedy instruments in accordance with the WTO provisions as well as benefit from the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism. The programme has been assigned to cover the following topics:

- Background on Multilateral Agreements negotiated under the Uruguay Round
- Key provisions in the Agreements on Anti-dumping, Subsidies & Countervailing Measures. Case studies.
- WTO import licensing and QRs
- Agreement on agriculture
- WTO and implications on international marketing
- Non-agriculture market access
- GATS
- Field visit to inland container depot, Tuglakabad
- TRIPS and public health : (Issues for Africa)
- TRIMS agreement
- SPS & TBT, industrial perspective.
- Subsidy and countervailing measures.
- Dispute settlement mechanism and cases
- Development issue and WTO
- WTO & Africa : Options opportunities and risks
- S &DT provisions in the WTO
- Use of dispute settlement system in developing countries
- Trade facilitation
- Government procurement
- EXIM procedures
- Panel discussion on WTO negotiations
- WTO impact on trade policy
- WTO and competition policy
- Visit to places of cultural importance

## **Organizer**

The course is being organized by INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE, NEW DELHI under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

## **Implementing Agency**

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade  
B-21, Qutab Institutional Area  
New Delhi – 110016

## **Who can apply**

The programme is intended for senior Government officials and diplomats from African countries.

The Government of India will provide excursion class airfare from the city where the government official is working to New Delhi and back.

## **Dates and duration of the course**

The duration of the course will be two weeks. The course will commence on 24 March 2008. The participants will also be taken for a day long cultural visit to the historical monument, Taj Mahal, at Agra. The participants are expected to arrive in New Delhi by 23 Mar 2008 and depart on 12 April 2008. The medium of instruction will be English.

## **Faculty & Pedagogy**

Experts in the area of trade and WTO issues from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) as well as the Department of commerce, Government of India and the experts from industry will form the core faculty for the programme. It is proposed to invite Indian trade negotiators, including former Indian Ambassadors to the WTO, with practical experience of WTO law and processes to speak to the participants. The programme contents will be imparted through lectures, discussions and panel presentations. The pedagogy in the programme will also include case studies and group work to provide participants with actual hands on opportunities to develop their skills.

## **Venue**

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