



Elements of International Trade and Trade Policy

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BACKGROUND

LDCs in general and low-income sub-Saharan African countries in particular have not been able to benefit from the growth of international trade and globalisation during the last decades. While most other developing countries have been growing and reducing poverty, the LDCs and the sub-Saharan African low-income countries have been left outside this process. One explanation for the poor results among these countries is an overall lack of knowledge of the functioning of the international trade system and the possibilities for LDCs to improve trading

conditions through the development of proper trade policies and to negotiate better conditions for themselves in the multilateral and regional trade agreements.

With the purpose to broaden and deepen the understanding in LDCs of the importance of trade and trade policy for development , this course addresses media professionals and other officials and professionals concerned with trade issues both in developing and developed countries .

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- Identify and understand basic determinants of trade and trade policy .
- Analyse the economic implications for developing countries of different forms of trade regulation.
- Understand and interpret the legal framework that regulates international trade.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Week 1: MODULE 1

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Lesson 1: Introduction to International trade, development and trade policies

Lesson 2: Globalisation trends and patterns and the LDCs

Lesson 3: Trade policy instruments and the economics of trade policy

Lesson 4: External trade policy patterns and trends affecting LDCs (including tariff peaks, tariff escalation and preference erosion

Lesson 5: Trade facilitation in LDCs

Week 2: Module 1

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Lesson 6: Agriculture, trade and development

Lesson 7: Intellectual property, trade and development

Lesson 8: Services, trade and development

Lesson 9: Industry, trade and development

Week 3: Module 2

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

Lesson 11: History of the global regulation of trade in goods - from GATT to the WTO

Lesson 12: The WTO: origins, purposes, organic structure and the role of the WTO in development

Lesson 13: Legal principles for international trade in goods (MFN, National Treatment)

Lesson 14: Exceptions to the principles (RTAs, permissible quotas, etc.)

Lesson 15: Tariffs vs. QRs, noting special arrangements for agriculture and differential treatment for DCs

Lesson 16: Additional/sectoral agreements or annexes on trade in goods, i.e. agreements on safeguards, subsidies and countervailing measures (SCM), sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS), technical barriers to trade (TBT), antidumping measures (AD); noting special arrangements for agriculture, textiles and clothing and special and differential treatment for DCs

Week 4: Module 2

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

Lesson 17: The Global Trading System and Intellectual Property

Lesson 18: Relationships: Global, regional, bilateral and national trading regimes

Lesson 19: The global trading system and investments

Lesson 20: The global trading system and trade in services

Lesson 21: Settlement of trade disputes