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Seminar on International Trade Law and Policy - July

Deadline: 10 Jul 2013

Type:	Seminar
Location:	New York, NY, United States of America
Date:	15 Jul 2013 to 18 Jul 2013
Duration:	3 Days
Programme Area:	International Law, , Multilateral Diplomacy
Website:	http://www.unitar.org/ny/international-law-and-policy/international-trade-law-a...
Price:	\$600.00
Event Focal Point Email:	nyo@unitar.org
Partnership:	World Trade Organization

BACKGROUND

Today, the potential of international trade and the multilateral trading system to contribute to economic growth, development and employment is widely recognized. State members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) committed to a development agenda at its 4th Ministerial Conference held in Doha in November 2001, but the agenda remains yet to be concluded. At the conference, trade ministers adopted the "Doha Work Programme" and launched a new round of trade negotiations, placing the interests of developing countries at the heart of

these negotiations with a view to facilitating their greater participation in the multilateral trading system.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

At the end of the seminar, participants will be able to:

- Explain the objectives and rules of the multilateral trading system and the WTO framework;
- Analyze key negotiation issues and negotiation modalities under the Doha Round;
- Identify and discuss issues that cut across different related areas, including environment, employment, gender, and development, etc.;
- Further develop their expertise to contribute positively to current trade-related duties and negotiations within the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The seminar takes place over three days, covering the following topics:

- WTO: legal framework, membership, decision-making processes and dispute settlement;
- Introduction to the international trading system;
- Select issues in the Doha Development Round;
- Cross-cutting issues related to trade, including trade and development, intellectual property, climate change and environmental sustainability, trade and employment, et cetera.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

This seminar is facilitated by UNITAR, and features experts from WTO, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs and other international and regional organizations. The seminar is conducted in a highly intensive manner, engaging participants through presentations, discussions and practical exercises. Participants also receive study materials to enhance their holistic understanding about WTO and international trade.

METHODOLOGY

The issues will be presented from various perspectives, and each meeting/panel will have a specified question and answer period. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to engage in interactive simulation exercises. The seminar will be conducted in English.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

This seminar is intended for members of permanent missions to the United Nations in New York who are involved or interested in trade-related issues, and/or follow the work of the Second and Sixth Committees of the General Assembly. Depending on space availability, representatives of governments, the United Nations system and civil society may also attend.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The course participation fee is 600 USD. Diplomats from least developed countries (LDCs) and developing countries are eligible to apply for a fellowship. If you wish to apply for a fellowship (fee-waiver), please contact the UNITAR New York Office (nyo [at] unitar.org (nyo[at]unitar[dot]org)) upon completion of online registration.

Diplomats may pay individually per course attended, or their country may wish to cover the costs of an annual subscription of \$10,500. An annual subscription will ensure free access, at each workshop and special training, for up to 5 diplomats of the Permanent Missions in New York and representatives of foreign governments for the full range of UNITAR CDT courses in 2013. More information about UNITAR's core diplomacy training (CDT) pricing policy is available at <http://www.unitar.org/mdp/cdt>.

Important: Participation will be confirmed once payment is received. Participants are required to make payment by credit card or wire transfer. UNITAR reserves the right to rescind an applicant's enrolment at any time in case of non-receipt of payment.

All participants who successfully complete the workshop will receive a UNITAR Certificate of Completion.