
UNITAR Seminar on International Trade Law and Policy

Deadline: 2 Aug 2014

Type:	Seminar
Location:	NEW YORK, United States of America
Date:	4 Aug 2014 to 6 Aug 2014
Duration:	3 Days
Programme Area:	International Law
Website:	http://www.unitar.org/event
Price:	\$700.00
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.

LEARNING 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.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

This seminar is facilitated by UNITAR, and features experts from WTO, UNCTAD, WIPO, UNDP, UN-DESA and ILO. 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 seminar will be held at United Nations Headquarters on Monday 4th August to Wednesday 6th August, 2014 from 10:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Building, Conference Room D for August 4th and 5th, Conference Room 10 for August 6th.

Members of permanent missions accredited to the United Nations in New York who wish to participate in this workshop are requested to register online at www.unitar.org/event by Sunday, 3rd August.

Important: The seminar participation fee is 700 USD. Fellowships are provided to diplomats from least developed countries (LDCs) and developing countries. Upon completion of online registration, applicants other than least developed countries and other developing countries will receive an automated invoice, which will allow them to make full payment for their UNITAR seminar. 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 seminar will receive a UNITAR Certificate of Completion. For queries regarding the seminar and the participation fee, please contact: nyo [at] unitar.org (nyo[at]unitar[dot]org).