



International Development Law Organization
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11th Asia-Pacific Regional Public International Trade Law Course

For Developing Countries in
Asia-Pacific

*Understanding the Rules
in order to
Benefit from Trade*



Sydney, Australia
November 9-27, 2009

Background

Trade is recognized as a powerful engine for economic growth and development. However, the 'rules of the game' with respect to how countries trade amongst each other, as embodied by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and its agreements, have become more complex and significantly wider in scope. Many economies in the Asia-Pacific region need to improve and strengthen the understanding of these trade rules in order to participate fully in, and reap the benefits of, international trade, thereby fostering their economic development and poverty reduction efforts.

The International Development Law Organization (IDLO), in partnership with the WTO, is pleased to announce that the 11th Asia-Pacific Regional Public International Trade Law Course (PITLC) will be held in Sydney, Australia, from 9-27 November 2009.

The PITLC seeks to strengthen the capacity of developing countries in the region to more effectively participate in the international trading system in order to better realise the gains / returns from trade which can then be used to pursue poverty reduction and achieve sustainable broad-based economic development.



Objectives

The PITLC seeks to improve participants' understanding of:

- Rules governing the multilateral trading system as embodied by the WTO and its agreements;
- Work program of the WTO, including the Doha Round of negotiations;
- Interface between the multilateral trading system and bilateral and regional trading arrangements (APEC, ASEAN and SAARC);
- Trade and sustainable development, including:
 - Linkages between trade, trade liberalisation and economic integration, and economic development and poverty reduction;
 - Mainstreaming trade into national economic development and poverty reduction policies and strategies; and
- Key decisions of the WTO including those made pursuant to its Dispute Settlement mechanism.



In this way, the PITLC seeks to strengthen participants' capacity to assist their countries to more effectively:

- Formulate and implement trade liberalisation and economic integration measures consistent with the WTO framework and in pursuance of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation's (APEC) vision of free and open regional trade as per the 'Bogor Goals';
- Identify and respond to trade issues and challenges in accordance with the WTO framework at the legal, policy and implementation levels;
- Exercise their WTO membership rights;
- Engage in the work program of the WTO, including the Doha Round of negotiations;
- Translate the returns / gains from trade into sustainable broad-based economic development and poverty reduction; and
- Further economic and political linkages within the region.



Course participants will comprise up to 30 government officials from developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Participants are required to have been working in the areas of trade, including trade law advice, trade policy advice or formulation, trade negotiations, WTO accession negotiations, or the implementation of WTO and other trade commitments / obligations. Participants will also be expected by their superiors to remain working in the relevant area(s) for a number of years following the training.

Program Schedule from 2008

NOVEMBER 7-28, 2008

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov					7
					Workshop Opening & Orientation IDLO Trade & Sustainable Development (Professor Ron Duncan, The Australian National University)
Nov	10	11	12	13	14
W E E K 1	Multilateral Trading System (including the Interface with Bilateral and Regional Trade Arrangements) (Mr Evan Rogerson, Director, Council and Trade Negotiations Committee Division, WTO Secretariat)	Non-Agricultural Market Access & Tariff Negotiations (Mr Jean-Pierre Lapalme, Market Access Division, WTO Secretariat)		Agreements on Agriculture & SPS Measures (Dr Lee Ann Jackson, Agriculture & Commodities Division, WTO Secretariat) with Short Intervention / Presentation from Foreign Trade Counsellor in Australia	
Nov	17	18	19	20	21
W E E K 2	Trade in Services (Mr Rolf Adlung, Trade in Services Division, WTO Secretariat)		Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights (Mr Giulio Zanetti, IDLO) with Short Intervention / Presentation from Foreign Trade Counsellor in Australia		Visit to Canberra Includes presentations by Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Department of Industry, Tourism & Resources, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, AusAID
Nov	24	25	26	27	28
W E E K 3	Trade Rules (Dr Letizia Raschella-Sergi, Institute for International Trade, University of Adelaide)		Dispute Settlement Understanding (Mr Matthew Kennedy, Legal Affairs Division, WTO Secretariat) with Contributions from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade & the Attorney-General's Department of Australia		Training-of-Trainers Evaluations Closing Dinner