

**Specialized Course on select WTO issues - Agriculture, Services, TRIPs and RTAs
(Including Rules of Origin and WTO Plus Provisions)**

23 January – 1 February 2012

The Centre for WTO Studies is organizing a “Specialized Course on select WTO issues - Agriculture, Services, TRIPs and RTAs (Including Rules of Origin and WTO Plus Provisions)” from 23 January – 1 February 2012. The training is being held in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs and the Department of Commerce, Government of India.

It is intended for senior and middle level Government officials working in the Trade or Commerce Ministries in developing and least developed country, with a specific interest and knowledge in the identified areas. The areas under discussions are Overview of the WTO Agreements, Agriculture in the Doha Round, GATS, TRIPs, Dynamics of RTAs, Emergence of WTO Plus Provisions, IP Protection and Trade Liberalization. Experts and Resource Persons specialising in the identified areas conduct the classroom sessions. These include faculty of the Centre for WTO Studies and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, senior officials of the Department of Commerce, Government of India and outside experts.

Participants from 11 countries namely Azerbaijan, Fiji, Kenya, Laos, Lesotho, Mauritius, Myanmar, Russia, Serbia, Togo and Yemen are attending the programme.

The training methodology includes lectures and as well as case studies, group negotiation exercise and field visits to provide participants with opportunities to develop their skills. A cultural visit to the Taj Mahal at Agra is being organised during the intervening weekend.