

Specialized Training Programme on Standards, Regulations and WTO SPS and TBT Measures

26 November to 5 December, 2018

The Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) organized a “Specialized Training Programme on Standards, Regulations and WTO SPS and TBT Measures” from 26 November to 5 December, 2018 in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The training programme was held for a period of 10 days at the NAFED House Building, New Delhi and was attended by 27 government officials from 18 countries, viz., Algeria, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cuba, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Iraq, Kenya, Madagascar, Mongolia, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The programme was inaugurated on 26th November, 2018 by Mr. Manoj Pant, Director, IIFT. The inaugural programme was also attended by Mr. Abhijit Das, Head and Professor, CWS and Mr. Mukesh Bhatnagar, Professor, CWS.

The ITEC course covered topics such as introduction to SPS and TBT Agreement, transparency provisions, notification obligations, food standards and regulations, codex, national standards, accreditation, among others. The training was imparted through lectures, presentations and experience sharing from developing country perspective.

The speakers were from the Centre for WTO Studies, Department of Commerce, WTO, academia, as well as senior diplomat and legal experts. To name a few: Prof. Abhijit Das, Head CWS, Dr. James Nedumpara, Head and Professor Centre for Trade & Investment Law, Dr. Murali Kallummal, Professor CWS, Ms. Shailja Singh, Associate Professor CWS, Mr. T.S. Vishwanath, APJ- SLG, Mr.P. Karthikeyan Asst. Director (Regulations) FSSAI, Mr. S. Dave, Ex- Adviser FSSAI, Mr. J Roy Chowdhury, Head, Bureau of Indian Standards, Shri Parmod Siwach, Assistant Director, Export Inspection Council, Mr. R.M.Mandlik, Deputy Director, Export Inspection Council, Dr. Ram Mohan, Joint Director, MPEDA, Mr. Anil Jauhri, CEO, NABCB, Ms. Shashi Sareen, Senior International Food Safety, Quality and Nutrition Expert, Mr. Sajal Mathur, Counsellor, Trade and Environment Division, WTO, among others.

In the course of their stay, a number of cultural activities were organized for the participants: Delhi sightseeing including Qutub Minar, Delhi Haat & India Gate; visit to the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.

The programme concluded on 5 December, 2018 with an evaluation of the programme by the participants. Mr. Brajesh Srivastava, Under Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs handed over certificates of participation. Prof. Abhijit Das, Head, CWS was also present during the evaluation and closing ceremony.