

Training of Trainers Programme
on
WTO and International Trade: Strengthening State-Centre Linkages
Organized By
Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)
19-21 May 2014
Venue: Nalanda Hall, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi

Programme Schedule

Day 1 – 19 May 2014		
09:30-10:00 hrs	Registration	
10:00-10:30 hrs	Inaugural Session <i>Welcome Remarks</i> <i>Introduction to TOT Programme and Vote of Thanks</i>	Abhijit Das Professor & Head, CWS Mukesh Bhatnagar Professor, CWS Sajal Mathur Professor, CWS
10:30-11:00 hrs	<i>Group Photograph & Tea/ Coffee</i>	
11:00-13:00 hrs	<i>Session 1</i> Why should State Governments be interested in international trade and WTO issues? <i>Overview of WTO/FTAs and relevance to States; Impact of WTO/ international Trade on States. Introduction to select issues of focus at the ToT Workshop with practical exercises and simulations.</i>	Sajal Mathur Professor, CWS
13:00-14:00 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00-15:30 hrs	<i>Session 2</i> WTO Agreement on Agriculture and Doha/FTA Negotiations: Role of States <i>Overview of AoA, information required from State Governments to guide market access negotiations (sensitive lists/special products) and on agricultural support (notifications).</i>	Dr. Sachin Sharma Asst. Professor, CWS
15:30-15:45 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
15:45-17:15 hrs	<i>Session 3</i> WTO Agreement on Agriculture and Doha/FTA	Dr. Sachin Sharma, Asst.

	Negotiations: Role of States (contd.) <i>Practical exercise and template for collecting information on State support to agriculture (Notification Exercise)</i>	Professor, CWS
Day 2 – 20 May 2014		
9:45-11:15 hrs	<i>Session 4</i> Overview of WTO Rules: Subsidies and Trade Remedies <i>Overview of the WTO Agreements, types of subsidies, trade remedies - injury factors, how States can assist in data collection, role of private sector (industry associations) & State Governments</i>	Mukesh Bhatnagar Professor, CWS
11:15-11:30 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
11:30-13:00 hrs	<i>Session 5</i> Panel Discussion: Specific initiatives taken by the GoI and State Governments to promote international trade/exports <i>(Address on GoI/DGFT incentive schemes followed by interactive session in which participants share information about their respective schemes in the states. Template for information on State support to industries may also be discussed.)</i>	Abhijit Das Professor & Head, CWS Mukesh Bhatnagar Professor, CWS Ms. Shailja Singh Asst. Professor, CWS
13:00-14:00 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00-15:30 hrs	<i>Session 6</i> Practical Exercise: Industrial Subsidies: Role of States <i>Exercise to focus on what subsidies are actionable, experience of action against state subsidies, how to make state subsidy schemes non-actionable</i>	Abhijit Das Professor & Head, CWS Mukesh Bhatnagar Professor, CWS Ms. Shailja Singh Asst. Professor, CWS
15:30-15:45 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
15:45-17:15 hrs	<i>Session 7</i> Non-Tariff Measures - Sanitary and Phytosanitary requirements, Technical regulations and Standards: Role of States <i>Overview of SPS/TBT, examples of local/state govt. level requirements with intrl. trade impact, involvement of states in metrology and standard setting, comments on notifications/STCs</i>	Sajal Mathur, Professor, CWS
Day 3 – 21 May 2014		
9:45-11:15 hrs	<i>Session 8</i> International Trade in Services: Importance and Potential for States <i>Overview of GATS, importance of service sectors for trade and economic activity, legal/regulatory framework at different levels of government, the income generation, employment and export potential from trade in services</i>	Dr. Pralok Gupta Asst. Professor, CWS
11:15-11:30 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
11:30-13:00 hrs	<i>Session 9</i> Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights: Creating Value from IPRs - Geographical Indications: Scope and Potential for States	Ms. Shailja Singh Asst. Professor, CWS

	<i>Brief Overview of TRIPS with focus on importance of GIs, examples of GIs from different States, facilitating application filing, enforcement mechanism, brand-building and export promotion</i>	
13:00-14:00 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00-15:30 hrs	<p><i>Session 10</i></p> <p>Roundtable: Strengthening State-Centre Linkages <i>Experience Sharing, Work Plans, MoUs, Best practices, challenges, Scope for improvement.</i></p> <p><i>Next steps and submission of Work Plans for 2014-15.</i></p>	<p>Abhijit Das Professor & Head, CWS</p> <p>Mukesh Bhatnagar Professor, CWS</p> <p>Sajal Mathur Professor, CWS</p>
15:30-15:45 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
15:45-17:15 hrs	<p>Closing Session <i>Feedback from participants</i> <i>Distribution of Certificates</i> <i>Vote of Thanks</i></p>	<p>Abhijit Das Professor & Head, CWS</p> <p>Mukesh Bhatnagar Professor, CWS</p> <p>Sajal Mathur Professor, CWS</p>