

Orientation on Digital Trade and Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)

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19th-20th June 2025

*Venue: Nalanda Hall, Ground Floor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, IIFT Bhawan,
B-21, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi*

Proposed Programme Schedule

Day 1, Classroom Thursday, 19th June 2025		
0930-1000 hrs	<i>Registration</i>	
1000-1115 hrs	Session 1 Digital Trade and FTAs	Ms. Witada A, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP (virtually) (tbc) Ms. Monika Assistant Professor, CWS
1115-1145 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1145-1300 hrs	Session 2 Digital Trade and WTO	Ms. Shailja Singh Associate Professor, CTIL
1300-1400hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 3 Digital Trade or E-Commerce: Meaning, Scope, and Importance for International Trade	Mr. Deepak Maheshwari Senior Policy Advisor, CSEP (tbc)
1515-1545 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1545-1700 hrs	Session 4 Panel Discussion on Data Governance Importance for International Trade	Mr. Deepak Maheshwari Senior Policy Advisor, CSEP (tbc) Ms. Debjani Ghosh Distinguished Fellow, NITI Aayog (tbc) Dr. Arpita Mukherjee Professor, ICRIER (tbc) Expert, Tata Consultancy Services (tbc)
1700-1730 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
Day 2, Classroom		

Friday, 20 th June 2025		
1000-1115 hrs	Session 5 Fundamental Principles of the WTO and the TRIPS Agreement	Ms. Sunanda Tiwari Assistant Professor, CTIL
1115-1145hrs	Tea/Coffee	
1145-1300 hrs	Session 6 TRIPS and Public Health (Patents and Trade Secrets)	Ms. Pallavi Arora Assistant Professor, CWS
1300-1400hrs	Lunch	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 7 Other forms of IP: Copyright, Trade Marks, GI, Design	Mr. Debashish Lahiri Consultant (Legal), CWS
1515-1545 hrs	Tea/Coffee	
1545-1700 hrs	Session 8 Panel Discussion: From Vaccines to Green Technologies: Can Trade Rules Enable Equitable Technology Transfer?	Dr. Raghender GR Senior Consultant, DPIIT (former JS and registrar of copyright) (tbc) Ms. Archana Jatkar Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (tbc) Dr. Yogesh Pai Associate Professor, NLU, Delhi (tbc) Dr. Manisha Shridhar Regional Advisor, WHO (tbc)
1700 hrs	Tea/Coffee	
