**,tatAnnexure-II-A**

**INDIVIDUAL COURSE DETAILS**

**Promotion of Foreign Trade in Sudan**

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| A. **Name of the Institute** | Centre for WTO Studies |
| B. **Name/Title of the Course** | **Promotion of Foreign Trade in Sudan** |
| C. **Course Dates with Duration in Weeks**  ***[note****: dates may be fixed keeping in mind festivals, holidays, weather conditions, availability of accommodations, etc. No request for change in dates, once approved/ circulated will be entertained]* | From 25 October to 28 October 2021  Duration: 1 Week |
| D. **Eligibility Criteria for Participants**  1. Educational Qualifications  2. Work Experience required, if any  3. Age Limit  *[****note****: ITEC norms is 25-45 years]*  4. Target Group *[Level of participants and target ministries/departments etc. may be indicated]* | Minimum Educational Qualification should be Graduation. The course is aimed for Union of Chambers of Commerce of Sudan for promotion of trade. The participants should be from trade and industry, entrepreneurs, middle/senior government officials working in the Trade or Commerce Ministry of Sudan with a specific interest in international trade. |
| E. **Aims & Objectives of the Course** | The main objective of the course is to enhance the understanding of the participants of the legal provisions of the WTO Agreements relating to Agriculture, Services, TRIPs; SPS, TBT, Subsidies. In addition the aim is to enhance the awareness of participants on Free Trade Agreements, Investment treaties with the aim to promote foreign trade in Sudan. |
| F. **Course Contents / Syllabus** *[please attach course details / profile in Word Format for uploading on ITEC website]* | As per Annex II.A.1 |
| G. **Mode of evaluation of performance of the participants** | Based on online participation. This is a Certificate course |

**Annex II.A.1**

**Promotion of Foreign Trade in Sudan**

**From 25 October to 28 October 2021**

**Background and Rationale for Training**

Union of Chambers of Commerce of Sudan has requested for a capacity building programme with the aim of promotion of foreign trade in Sudan. The establishment of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has created a complex, rules-based system wherein developing and least developed countries are faced with a number of opportunities and challenges. It becomes imperative for all stake holders, viz. trade and industry, entrepreneurs, policy makers and negotiators to have a comprehensive understanding of these issues as well as of the parallel growth of regional trade agreements. This would support their capacity for informed decision making in the promotion of foreign trade in Sudan. As Sudan is an observer in the process of accession to the WTO, the participants will benefit from knowledge to be gained on the various WTO Agreements and other related topics which impact the international trade. This will also prepare them towards effective participation in the multilateral trading system and reaping its benefits.

Among the disciplines being created and administered by the WTO, it is important to have in-depth and specialized knowledge of the nature of commitments being undertaken and the dynamics of the negotiations underway. For the purpose of the proposed training the WTO agreements and negotiations in the domains of agriculture, services, and trade related intellectual property rights will be taken up, as well as implications of the burgeoning complexity of regional trade agreements, investment treaties and WTO rules relevant for energy sector.

Improved market access and reduced trade distorting subsidies in the trade of agricultural goods would allow for predictability and security for both importing and exporting countries alike and a fairer market for producers. Services are the fastest growing sector in the global economy and the enormous potential for trade in services merits attention and exploration by the developing and least developed countries. Trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights (TRIPs) present a controversial area that hold particular interest for developing and least developing countries, especially given the implications for public health, protecting traditional knowledge and culture specific products, etc. The mushrooming of regional trade agreements in turn is also creating an increasingly intricate and overlapping network of provisions including those on agriculture, Services and IPRs etc.

**Course Structure and Duration**

Given the rationale for the training and the current situation of Covid pandemic, the Centre is constrained to conduct this training programme virtually. The Centre has developed a capacity building programme towards enhancing the understanding of these specific issues as they come under the purview of the WTO, their context, scope and coverage, rights and obligations of member countries under the various agreements, special provisions for developing and least developed countries, and negotiating dynamics. In addition, provisions of the Investment treaties will be explained with focus on growth of trade.

The training will be imparted through online sessions. The tentative programme agenda and schedule for the training is provided at Section II-A.2 of the Annex.

The duration of the training programme will be four working days.

**Eligibility for Participation**

The course is aimed for Union of Chambers of Commerce of Sudan for promotion of trade. The participants should be from trade and industry, entrepreneurs, middle/senior government officials working in the Trade or Commerce Ministry of Sudan with a specific interest in international trade.

**Faculty and Pedagogy**

Experts and Resource Persons specialising in the identified components of the trade discourse would conduct the online 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, as well as representatives from international institutions.

The pedagogy for the programme will include lectures, discussions and panel presentations and group work to provide participants with opportunities to develop their skills. Indian trade negotiators at the WTO will also be invited to provide their insights and stimulate discussion in these sessions.

**Medium of Instruction**

The medium of instruction will be English and no translation will be available.

**Organisation of Training Programme**

It is proposed that the Centre organise the training programme in collaboration with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

**Annex II.A.2**

**Tentative Programme**

**Promotion of Foreign Trade in Sudan**

**Training programme for Union of Chambers of Commerce of Sudan for Promotion of Foreign Trade**

**Proposed dates 25 October to 28 October**

(through virtual mode)

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| Day | Session Number | Session Topic | Faculty |
| 1 | 1 | Overview of WTO and current international trading environment | Prof. Abhijit Das |
| 2 | Introduction to trade data | Dr. Murali Kallummal |
| 3 | Sudan in world trade | Dr. Murali Kallummal |
| 2 | 4 | Basic provisions of GATT and WTO | Ms. Shailja Singh |
| 5 | WTO agreement on Agriculture-key provisions | Dr. Sachin Kumar Sharma |
| 6 | General Agreement on Trade in Services-key provisions | Dr. Pralok Gupta |
| 7 | WTO Rules relevant for Energy sector | Prof. Abhijit Das |
| 3 | 8 | WTO SPS Agreement | Ms. Shailja Singh |
| 9 | WTO TBT Agreement | Ms. Shailja Singh |
| 10 | Overview of WTO TRIPS Agreement | Ms. Chandni Raina |
| 11 | Growing complexities of Regional Trade Agreements and Sudan’s participation in FTAs | Dr. Murali Kallummal  Presentation by the participants |
| 4 | 12 | Rules of Origin in FTAs | Mr. Bipin Menon |
| 13 | WTO Subsidies Agreement-key provisions | Prof. Mukesh Bhatnagar |
| 14 | Investment Agreements-key provisions with focus on growth in trade | Dr. Prabhash Ranjan |
| 15 | Potential for growth of trade in Sudan | Presentation by Participants |