

Tentative Programme

“Specialized Course on Select WTO Issues: Agriculture, Services, TRIPs and RTAs”

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From 17- 26 September 2025

Day 1, Classroom		
Wednesday – 17th September 2025		
09.30-10.00 hrs	<i>Registration & Group Photograph</i>	
10.00 -11.00 hrs	Inaugural Session	
	Welcome Remarks & Inaugural Address Vote of Thanks	
11.00- 11.15 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
	Session 1	
11.15-12.45 hrs	An Overview of WTO Agreements: Coverage and Scope	
12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00-15.15 hrs	Session 2	
	Introduction to WTO Agreement on Agriculture	
15.15-15.30 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
	Session 3	
15.30-16.45 hrs	Agriculture in the Doha Round and Issues for the Developing Countries – Domestic Support, Export Subsidy and Market Access	
Day 2, Classroom		
Thursday – 18th September 2025		
	Session 4	
10:00 -1115hrs	Global databases on Market access and excel exercises	

1115- 1130 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 5 Understanding Challenges of Sustainability Standards and Regulations	
1245-1400 hrs	Lunch	

Delhi Sightseeing (Qutub Minar and Delhi Haat) -1400-1800 hrs



Day 3, Classroom

Friday - 19th September 2025

10:00-1115 hrs	Session 6 Agriculture Issues: Nairobi Decisions and Way Forward	
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 7 General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)	
12.45-1400 hrs	Lunch	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 8 General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and the Treatments under the RTAs	

1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	Session 9 Understanding GATS Schedule and General Principles & Guidelines on Scheduling services commitments (S/L/92) Practical illustration of scheduling with examples of various sectors	

Day 4, Agra Visit to Taj Mahal and Agra Fort Saturday -20th September 2025



Day 5, Holiday Sunday – 21st September 2025

Day 6, Classroom Monday – 22nd September 2025

10:00-1115 hrs	Session 10 Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS): An Overview	
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 11 Challenges for Developing Countries and TRIPS- plus Provisions in FTAs Trade & Investment Laws	
12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 12 SPS Agreement and WTO: Increasing Usages across FTAs	

1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	Session 13 Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs): Challenges of Deeper Trade deals and concerns of Rules of Origins	
Day 7, Classroom Tuesday -23rd September 2025		
10:00-1115 hrs	Session 14 WTO and Trade Facilitation Agreement	
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 15 Trade Facilitation Agreement and the Challenges and Concerns	

12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 16 Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations: Developments at the WTO	
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	Session 17 Negotiations of Agreement on Agriculture implications on Developing – Uruguay - MC12 and the Concerns in the MC13	
Day 8, Classroom Wednesday – 24th September 2025		
10:00-1115 hrs	Session 18 Overview of WTO TBT Agreement and Its Relevance for Agriculture	
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 19 E-Commerce- Moratorium, Developments in the FTAs	
12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	

1400-1515 hrs	Session 20 Geographical Indications: Indian Experiences and Development Dimensions	
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	Session 21 Forest Certification	
Day 9, Classroom		
Thursday – 25th September 2025		
10:00-1115 hrs	Session 22 TRIPS and access to affordable medicines/Concerns of Civil society	
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1130-1245 hrs	Session 23 Presentation by participants on RTA membership of their countries	
12.45-1400 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1400-1515 hrs	Session 24 Presentation by participants on RTA membership of their countries	
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	Session 25 Evolution of RTAs: WTO, WTO+, WTO- and its implications	
Day 10, Classroom		
Friday –26th September 2025		
10:00-1115 hrs	Session 26 Market Access (Tariffs and Non-Tariff Measures): Concerns and Challenges	
1115 - 1130hrs	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	

1130 – 1245 hrs	Valedictory Session Evaluation, Feedback & Certificate distribution	
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Lunch – Send off and Wishing a Bon Voyage (14:00)

