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Course Call

OEA-TRAD-10-01

Online Course

Trade and The Environment in the Americas

1st Edition

Location: The course will be taught on-line (Internet) through the Online Campus of the Institute for Public Management of the Department for Effective Public Management of the Secretariat for Political Affairs SPA/OAS.

Registration: From August 2 to September 12, 2010 (5:00 PM Washington DC time).

Start and end dates: October 11 to December 3, 2010.

Course duration: Eight (8) weeks.

Language: English.

Implementation: The Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA) offers this course through the institute for Public Management with the support of the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development to respond to trade-related capacity building development needs in the area of environmental management.

The course:

The course is organized in Modules that include selected readings and related activities accessed through our on-

line teaching platform or “Online Campus”. A Tutor will be in charge of the Virtual Classroom and will assign work and readings, schedule on-line interactive sessions (i.e., discussion forums and chats), as well as provide guidance in academic and technical aspects of the Course. Several Modules, covered in eight (8) weeks, comprise the course: one module designed to provide participants with the necessary skills to efficiently work in the Virtual Classroom; six content Modules, and one for conclusions and final evaluation. The main topics addressed in each Module are outlined below:

Week 1	Introduction to the Virtual Classroom: Welcome, use of tools and socialization
Week 2	Module 1: Intersection between Trade and Environment
Week 3	Module 2: Trade and Environment : Law and Policy
Week 4	Module 3: Environment Dimensions of International Trade
Week 5	Module 4: Enforcement of Trade related

	environmental Obligations
Week 6	Module 5: Environmental considerations in the international trade
Week 7	Module 6: Post Negotiation issues
Week 8	Evaluation: FinalProject

Methodology:

The eight-week course offered with the academic supervision and support of on-line Tutors to facilitate learning, interaction and an efficient use of the virtual environment. The Tutors, in addition to assigning work and scheduling mandatory interactive sessions, will direct the course's activities and keep in permanent contact with the participants to assist in areas such as:

- Suggestions and support for further reading
- Analysis and support for completing assigned activities
- Address individual doubts and concerns

On a weekly basis, Tutors will distribute a summary of the participants' contributions.

Note: even though the course's methodology includes mandatory participation in the weekly on-line interactive sessions, participants are expected to devote in reading and analysis at least two hours every day, as well as in preparing assignments, particularly their final evaluation.

Expected results:

Upon completing the course, participants will have a better understanding and appreciation of intersection between trade and environment as a tool for analysis of national policies within the free trade agreements framework, considering its impact on the environment as well as the impact of environment protection agreements over trade issues.

Requirements:

Participants must meet the following profiles:

A) Academic and/or professional profile

- Professionals involved in the trade area with high environmental issue management.
- Professionals, Experts, or Authorities, who are directly or indirectly involved in trade negotiations.
- Public managers and division heads in public administration\ with the responsibility of

implementing state modernization policies (Director Generals, Directors and Program Officers).

A.4. Professionals and academics in areas related to the course or involved in improving public performance.

B) Access and firm commitment to work on the Internet

B.1 This is a 115-hour course and will be certified as such. It is essential for the participant to devote two hours every day to on-line studies and activities.

B.2 Because the course is offered in a virtual environment, participants must be familiar and comfortable with on-line work, including efficient browsing, use of chat and virtual forums.

B.3 Fluency in English

Certification:

Only those participants who successfully complete the course requirements will receive an OAS Certificate. Requirements include a) participation in the Virtual Classroom weekly interactive sessions; b) completion of weekly assignments; and, c) completion and successful evaluation of the final assignment.

Costs and Financial Aid: all the selected participants will benefit from USD\$200.00 in financial aid for this course, provided by the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA).The total cost for the course is USD\$350.00 U.S., After financial Aid is awarded, ***the final cost to the participant is US\$150.***

The course certificate of approval will be sent electronically. The shipment of the paper-based version has an additional cost of USD\$ 20.00.

Registration process

1. Complete and send the online application form to the Department for Effective Public Management by clicking at the link at the end of the page, by 5 pm on September 12, 2010.

You will receive an automatic notification when you send your application. This notification is just a confirmation of your **application form** and it does not imply the admission to the course. The confirmation of your admission will be sent to you together with the payment instructions by e-mail, beginning September 13.

2. Payment method.** Once accepted to the course, you will be able to make the payment through a secure

electronic payment system of the Department of Effective Public Management of the SPA. You must use a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express). The Webpage address and the payment instructions will be sent to you on September 13, 2010, with your admission confirmation. The payment should be made between September 13 and October 3, 2010.

Once the payment is received, information on how to access the course and Virtual Classroom will be emailed in October 11, 2010, to the registered email address.

The course will begin on October 11, 2010.

Application Form

Press the following link:

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