



Training Course on Trade and Environment

- 1) **Venue:** Nicaragua (for Central American and Dominican Republic officials)
Peru (for Andean, Guyanese and Surinamese officials)
- 2) **Coordinators:** Aaron Peters and Maria del Mar Zavala. Tel: (202) 458-3084/3007. E-Mail: apeters@oas.org; mzavala@oas.org
- 3) **Method:** Lecture
- 4) **Start and end dates:** October 15 to 19, 2007 (Nicaragua)
November 26 to 30, 2007(Peru)
- 5) **Duration of the course:** One (1) week
- 6) **Language:** Spanish-English
- 7) **Objectives:** The course's main objective is to increase the capacity of civil servants and officials to negotiate and implement international trade agreements with environmental provisions or implications with a sustainable development perspective.
- 8) **Content:** This training course will focus on the key aspects of the trade and environment agenda, from a multilateral and regional perspective. The series of modules in the program highlight relevant areas in trade international trade law and environmental law, and where suitable, domestic law and policy as well as technical issues derived from the link between trade and environment.
- Classes will be lectured from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday during the week of the course.
- 9) **Requirements:**
- 4 participants per country will be selected
 - To be a citizen or a permanent resident of one of the OAS Member States from the Central American, Dominican Republic and Andean regions, as well as Guyana or Suriname
 - A professional degree in a discipline related to the present position, verified by a supervisor in the letter of recommendation.

- Professional experience in trade and/or environment and to be a government official or an employee at a regional institution with responsibilities in commercial and/or environmental policies and/or economic integration.
- To be nominated by a governmental agency or by a national or regional institution involved in trade negotiations or in the implementation of trade agreements, guaranteeing that the services of the participant are going to be used by the mentioned agency or institution upon completion of the course.
- To have at least basic English skills (particularly for reading), verified by a supervisor in the letter of recommendation.
- Letter of recommendation from the supervisor verifying the degree in a discipline related to the present position.
- Preference will be given to candidates who come from smaller economies and that have direct responsibilities in subjects related to the negotiation or implementation in trade agreements.
- Physical aptitude for the fulfillment of the obligations of the course.
- Present the complete request before September 24th.

10) Benefits:

- The OAS Department of Sustainable Development will cover the airfare, (round trip, coach) between the country of origin and the venue of the course.
- In addition, the DSD will cover enrolment and teaching costs, as well as costs for the didactic material required during the development of the course; lodging, meals and transportation.

11) Responsibilities of the selected candidates:

- It is the responsibility of each selected candidate to process and obtain in time the corresponding visa to enter the country of study and/or transit (if applicable). The OAS will not cover any costs related to the transaction of migratory documents or visas, airport taxes, travel insurance, or pocket money.
- It is the responsibility of the selected candidate to arrive at the place of study with sufficient anticipation in order to be present in the inauguration of the course on the date established by the institution offering of the course.
- The selected candidates shall confirm their acceptance to the DSD, so that the OAS can make the necessary adjustments for the purchase of the airplane ticket, (round trip, coach), between the country of origin and/or residence and the venue of the course.
- The selected candidates shall confirm their acceptance to the course coordinators, Aaron Peters and Maria del Mar Zavala: E-mail: apeters@oas.org; mzavala@oas.org
- When a selected candidate does not travel on the established dates or changes the route after the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) has purchased the ticket, he/she shall be held responsible for paying the cost difference of the ticket in order to arrive in time for the beginning of the course.
- The selected candidate should return the total cost of the round trip ticket between his/her country of residence and the country in which the course is being held, if he/she refuses to participate after the trip ticket has been bought, and without the due written authorization from the OAS/DSD. This includes any additional cost which the OAS might incur, such as extra accommodation costs during the trip of the participant from his/her country of residence to the country in which the course will take place.

Applications:

All applications must be presented through the application form for the course, including the requested documentation via fax 202-458-3560 and by e-mail to the course coordinators (apeters@oas.org; mzavala@oas.org). **This is mandatory.**

Any question related to the applications to this course must be addressed to: apeters@oas.org.