



Course:

Trade and Environment in The Americas

*in cooperation with the
Department of Sustainable Development*

About the Course:

The course is organized in Modules that include selected readings and related activities accessed through our on-line teaching platform or “Virtual Classroom”. A Tutor will be in charge of the Virtual Classroom and will assign work and readings, schedule on-line interactive sessions (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 of Final Assignment and concluding remarks

Course Objective:

The course seeks to increase foundational knowledge of trade and environment and negotiation practices in this matter, also look forward to deepen understanding of the structure of trade that enables successful agreements which also contribute with the sustainable development.

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 chat 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 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 at least two hours every day in reading and analysis, 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 trade and environment practices, and a more complete understanding of the knowledge and skills required to contribute to good practices in trading.