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ONLINE COURSE CALL
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Trade and Environment in the Americas



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Location: The course will be taught on-line (Internet) through the Virtual Classroom of the Department of State Modernization and Governance of the Secretariat for Political Affairs SPA/OAS.

Registration: From June 21st to August 6th, 2010 (5:00 PM Washington DC time).

Start and end dates: September 6th to October 29th, 2010.

Course duration: Eight (8) weeks.

Language: English.

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

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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

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 democratic values and practices, and a more complete understanding of the knowledge and skills required to contribute as leaders and citizens to the advancement of the Caribbean’s democratic traditions.

Requirements:

Participants must meet the following profiles:

A) Academic and/or professional profile

- A.1. Young political leaders in political parties, youth groups, national youth councils, youth ambassadors, youth parliaments and other such youth organizations that give expression to the democratic traditions within which Caribbean nations function.
- A.2. Political or government leaders with decision-making capabilities and the responsibility for the design of strategies for improving their institution’s performance (Ministers, Permanent Secretaries at a Federal, State or local Level).
- A.3. 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 through the email. Requirements include a) participation in the Virtual Classroom weekly chat sessions; b) completion of weekly assignments; and, c) completion and successful evaluation of the final assignment.

Costs and Financial Aid: Total cost for the course is USD\$350.00 U.S., yet all participants will benefit from USD\$270.00 in financial aid for this course, provided by the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA). The final cost to the participant is **US\$80**.

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 of State Modernization and Governance courses of the SPA/OAS, by 5 pm on August 6th, 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 via e-mail from May 03rd with the payment instructions.

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 State Modernization and Governance 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 August 9th, 2010, with your admission confirmation. The payment should be made between August 9th and August 29th, 2010.

Once the payment is received, information on how to access the course and Virtual Classroom will be emailed from September 6th, 2010, to the registered email address. The course will begin on September 6th, 2010.

Important Notes:

Be sure to add the following e-mail address to your address book so that the communications sent by this address will not be qualified as "spam": formacion@oas.org

Once payment is made there will be no refund. Any questions about this announcement should be sent to formacion@oas.org, including as the subject "Building Capacities of Young Political Leaders in the Caribbean".

Application Form

Press the following link:

[Trade and Environment in the Americas](#)