



TIPS VIRTUAL TRAINING WORKSHOP

MODULE 1

DATE

24–26 March 2021

VENUE

Online via ZOOM

WORKSHOP FEES

R8000 (vat incl) per delegate

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TRADE POLICY AND SOUTH AFRICA

Theme: The WTO and the crisis of Global Governance

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

The main objectives of the workshop are as follows:

- ➔ To introduce participants to the theory and practice of international trade;
- ➔ to gain insight from South Africa's bilateral relations with the European Union, United States and China and evaluate the changing global dynamics and implications for South Africa and the African Continent as a whole;
- ➔ To focus on the African Growth and Opportunity Act, or AGOA, to provide participants with insights into the actual world of negotiations and what could be learnt from the SA-US AGOA negotiations;
- ➔ To gain insight into the political economy of Africa's regional trade integration including the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) and African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) negotiations;
- ➔ To debate the issues related to Reform of the WTO and gain insight into the workings of the multilateral trading system.

OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP

Provide students with new and deep insights into an actual trade negotiation that will facilitate a discussion on:

- ❖ The role of power relations between players in trade negotiations and how this power is used in the process of the negotiations;
- ❖ An overview of the changing global trade architecture and South Africa's relations with key bilateral trading partners;
- ❖ How ideas/language/narratives/research are used to advance particular interests and negotiating objectives of the dominant players; and
- ❖ Alternative approaches to trade negotiations and outcomes that are more equitable and development-oriented.

ORGANISATION OF THE WORKSHOP

The course will be facilitated over THREE MODULES.

1. The first module will focus on multilateral trade issues (24 – 26 March 2021)
2. The second module will focus on regional integration in Africa (23 – 25 June 2021)
3. The third module will focus on bilateral trade negotiations (21– 23 September 2021)

THE MODULE WILL HAVE 5 SESSIONS

SESSION ONE	Globalisation and Trade
SESSION TWO	The History of the Multilateral Trading System and the role of Developing Countries in the GATT/WTO
SESSION THREE	The WTO Doha Round
SESSION FOUR	Reforming the World Trading System
SESSION FIVE	Reflections on the Future of the WTO

ABOUT THE FACILITATOR

Professor Faizel Ismail is the Director of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance where he teaches a course on Global Governance. He also teaches international trade law at the University of Cape Town (UCT) Faculty of Law and a course on International Trade Bargaining at the UCT School of Economics and a course on International Trade Policy and Practice at the UCT Graduate School of Business. He serves as the chairperson of the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC). He has served as the Ambassador Permanent Representative of South Africa to the World Trade Organization (WTO) (2010-2014). He led South Africa's trade negotiations with the European Union, SADC, SACU and several other bilateral trading partners including the US, India, and Mercosur after 1994.

Faizel has a PhD in Politics from Manchester University and a Masters in Philosophy in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton. He also holds an LLB and a BA degree from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He is the author of three books on the WTO and has published numerous articles in international journals and books.