



**COURSE ON KEY ISSUES
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Transfer of technology and development:

Key policy issues and recent national experiences

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PROGRAMME

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XXV
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome address by Geneviève Féraud, Head Knowledge Development Branch Division for Technology and Logistics Session will be moderated by Mohan Panicker	
10:05 - 11:15	Session 1 Technological learning and innovation are essential for economic growth and development and are major determinants of long-term improvements in income and living standards. Technological progress in developing countries is strongly influenced by their ability to access, adapt and diffuse technological knowledge that has been generated abroad. The session will review concepts underlying technology and knowledge transfer theory and practice and present some concerns that may inform the policy choices of developing countries. <i>Presented by Dimo Calovski, DTL</i> Q&A session	
11.15 - 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 - 13.00	Session 2 The role of ToT in four case studies This session will discuss four case studies on technology transfer and industrial development. It will outline the main channels of	

technology transfer, the nature of the transfers, the policy framework and the role that technology transfer played in each case. It will present some elements of commonality and contrast among the respective cases and identify several conclusions that can be drawn.

Presented by Michael Lim, DTL

Q&A session

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This course will discuss key issues related to the use of technology transfer for growth and development and present several national experiences with the transfer of technology for industrial development. The first part of the course will review key issues that have a bearing on policies and strategies for the transfer of technology by developing economies to promote growth and development. The second part will discuss the experiences of several developing economies in Africa, Asia and Latin America in using technology transfer to develop dynamic domestic industries. Discussions will be based on the work of UNCTAD in science, technology and innovation policies, including the results of two forthcoming UNCTAD studies on the transfer of technology for development; the first on general science, technology and innovation and technology transfer issues and the second on selected case studies of technology transfer in developing economies. The discussion will draw on evidence gathered by the UNCTAD programme of national science, technology and innovation policy reviews.