



**COURSE ON KEY ISSUES
ON THE INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC AGENDA**

Short courses for Permanent Missions in Geneva
Organised by the Division on Technology and Logistics, Knowledge Development Branch
Policy Capacity Building Section

PROGRAMME

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XXVI
10:00 - 10:05	<p>Welcome address by Ms. Shamika Sirimanne Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics</p> <p>Session will be moderated by Ms. Randa Jamal, Project Coordinator, Policy Capacity Building Section</p>	
10:05 - 11:30	<p>Session 1 The section will address the role of trade in the development process. The issues to be addressed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Linkages between trade and poverty: strategies that promote both poverty reduction and national economic development in both developing and least developed countriesii. Stylised facts on international trade in Sub-Saharan Africa and their impact on poverty <p>Presented by Ms <i>Amelia U. Santos-Paulino</i>, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Poverty Unit, ALDC, UNCTAD</p> <p>Ms. <i>Nicole Moussa</i>, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Poverty Unit, ALDC, UNCTAD Q&A session</p>	
11.30 - 11.45	Coffee break	
11.45 - 13.00	<p>Session 2 The session will focus on the rationale and instruments for developing effective trade policies and integrating them into national development strategies, to achieve poverty reduction and other national development goals. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Key issues involved in the effective integration of trade policies into national development strategies;ii. Approaches and instruments for mainstreaming trade into national development strategies;iii. Lessons learned from selected LDCs. <p>Presented by Ms. <i>Amelia U. Santos-Paulino</i></p> <p>Closing Nicole Moussa and <i>Amelia U. Santos-Paulino</i> Q&A session</p>	

Making trade work for least developed countries

A trade strategy that promotes both poverty reduction and national economic development is key for the least developed countries as well as developing countries. The course will focus on the rationale and instruments for mainstreaming trade, as well as on the importance of a trade strategy that promotes poverty reduction and overall national economic development. Participants will become familiar with the process of sectoral policy articulation and consider how to design poverty reduction strategies that are socially inclusive, taking into account broader gender, cultural, social and institutional factors.

The objectives of the course are as follows:

- To explore key issues involved in the effective integration of trade policies into national development strategies;
- To identify approaches and instruments for mainstreaming trade into national development strategies;
- To discuss lessons learned from the experiences of selected countries and regions that have successfully mainstreamed trade into their development strategies.