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NOTIFICATION

Thirty-second Regional Course on Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda EAFIT University, 13–31 July 2015

The UNCTAD secretariat is pleased to announce that the next regional course on key issues on the international economic agenda, which is designed for Latin American and Caribbean economies, will be hosted by EAFIT University with the support of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from 13 to 31 July 2015.

The course will focus on the links between trade, investment, finance and development, including in the context of international trade negotiations. Its aim is as follows:

- To enhance understanding of the relationship between these areas and their link to country development strategies.
- To provide participants with knowledge and skills for the design and implementation of trade and development policies, as well as for trade negotiations corresponding to the needs and interests of their countries.

The course syllabus will draw on the perspective of UNCTAD, its analytical work and lessons learned from its technical cooperation activities and will be enriched by the competence and expertise of representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and of national experts in these areas of work.

The course is aimed primarily at mid-level government officers in ministries and institutions dealing with trade, investment, finance and development issues and who are involved in the formulation and implementation of national trade and development policies. As appropriate, and depending on the availability of places, other applicants, such as university academics, could be considered.

The course will be given in English, with simultaneous interpretation into Spanish provided by EAFIT University. Training materials will be made available in English, with some documentation in Spanish. Candidates are expected to have a full working knowledge of English.

UNCTAD member States of Latin America and the Caribbean are invited to present the names and e-mail addresses of qualified candidates by 1 May 2015 through their permanent missions in Geneva. These candidates will then be contacted by the secretariat to complete an application online; this process must also be completed by 1 May 2015. It is therefore advisable that the names and e-mail addresses of candidates be submitted as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for them to submit their applications through the online process. Member States of successful candidates will be notified of the decision of the UNCTAD selection committee by 18 May 2015.

Member States are encouraged to nominate more than one candidate per country, in which case they may wish to rank the candidates. The selection committee will take this ranking into consideration, provided that the preferred candidate meets the eligibility criteria.

UNCTAD will provide hotel accommodation for all participants. Participants will also receive sufficient funds to cover daily meals and miscellaneous expenses. Travel expenses covering the least costly fare will be provided for participants from least developed countries. All selected participants will be responsible for obtaining valid visas to travel to Colombia prior to their arrival.

An outline of the course syllabus, which provides a list of topics, learning objectives and questions to answer (P166.2015.TS.1) and the application guidelines (P166.2015.AG.1) are attached.

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