



CTIL-INDIA TRADELAB CLINIC TRAINING PROGRAMME

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The WTO Chairs Programme, launched in 2010 by the WTO, aims to support, promote and enhance the knowledge and understanding of International Trade Law and Policy among academicians and policy-makers in developing and least-developed countries by encouraging and supporting trade-related academic activities undertaken by research institutions and universities. Academic institutions which are awarded the WTO Chair receive support in the areas of research, curriculum development, and outreach activities. The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) has been selected as the India Chair in Phase III of the WTO's Chairs Programme on the basis of a joint application by two of its centres – the Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) and the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS).

As part of the activities which have been planned by the India Chair under the WCP, CTIL and CWS will host a workshop for students and faculty of Indian law schools that are part of the CTIL-India TradeLab Clinic. The Training Programme will introduce the participants to the modalities of TradeLab practicum and issues of international economic law. The workshop is scheduled to be conducted on 8th December 2023 at the campus of Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat- 382007.

TradeLab is a global network of legal clinics, initiated at the Graduate Institute by Professor Joost Pauwelyn in 2009, and currently has seven sites located across the globe (besides Geneva, now also in Canada, India, Singapore, UK, Tanzania, the USA, etc). TradeLab, a Geneva-based initiative, which unites students, academics, and legal practitioners to empower stakeholders, including MSMEs, with research benefits on issues relating to international trade and investment law through pro bono clinics. The 'learning by doing' model of TradeLab trains and promotes the next generation of trade and investment lawyers.

The CTIL-India TradeLab Clinics are conducted in a hub and spoke model with CTIL acting as an anchor establishment between the universities and the beneficiaries in order to ensure seamless coordination and communication among all the parties.

Currently, the CTIL-India TradeLab Clinic operates as a joint initiative in partnership with several of India's premier law universities such as National Law University, Jodhpur, Gujarat National Law University, Gujarat Maritime University, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur, and Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai. The beneficiaries include, among others, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Services Export Promotion Council, and Indian Steel Association.

The Training Programme is an annual event conducted by CTIL and CWS. The Training Programme will put a strong emphasis on teaching the participants the fundamentals of WTO law and the specifics of the TradeLab practicum by renowned experts. The Programme will cover certain specialised areas of international trade law for the benefit of ongoing projects. It will also hold sessions to impart skills to the participants that they can apply in their respective TradeLab projects. These include sessions on the research methodology, navigating the European Union regulatory framework, interaction with the project beneficiary and insights into the past CTIL-India Tradelab projects. The training programme is a unique opportunity to deliberate on current issues of international economic law and to network with renowned experts and peers.

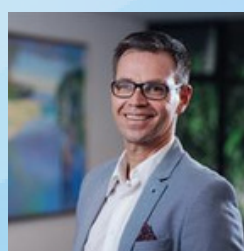
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