



WBI-trapca Course on Agricultural Trade and Export Development in Africa

Arusha, Tanzania

February 15-19, 2010

Course Summary and Objectives

Agricultural trade is undoubtedly the single most important link between trade and poverty in Sub Saharan Africa, where farming accounts for more than two thirds of total employment and constitutes the main income source for the vast majority of the poor. In that context, the *Agricultural Trade and Export Development in Africa* course, jointly organized by WBI and TRAPCA, fleshes out the key issues that are of special interest to African decision-makers and discusses the strategic agricultural trade and export development issues associated with poverty reduction which are increasingly gaining interest in the region.

The main purpose of this 5-day Course is to strengthen the capacity of African trainers and analysts, to help policy makers:

- understand the implications of recent trends and developments in agricultural trade flows, recent global market developments and how they can contribute to economic growth and poverty reduction;
- understand and effectively participate in international (bilateral, regional, or multilateral) agricultural trade negotiations; and;
- design and formulate efficient unilateral domestic trade policies in the face of the challenges and opportunities presented by the developments in the international food and agricultural markets.

Target Audience

In order to keep the discussions interactive and manageable, the number of participants in this version of the course will be limited to 25. Target audience includes:

- Trainers and researchers in academia, think tanks and regional research networks concerned with food and agricultural trade.

- Government officials (from trade, agriculture, foreign, finance/economics ministries) directly involved in the conduct of agriculture policy and agricultural trade negotiations, whether at the WTO or at the bilateral and regional levels.
- Officials in development or planning ministries, whose tasks increasingly include keeping track of ongoing agricultural trade negotiations and fitting such efforts into the broader and longer-term process of development.
- Representatives from professional associations and from consumer groups typically interested in the impact of agricultural trade policy/negotiations.

Course Content

- ❖ Module 1. Stylized facts in agricultural trade flows
- ❖ Module 2. Stylized facts in agricultural trade policies
- ❖ Module 3. Drivers of agricultural trade and trade policy
- ❖ Module 4. Agricultural Commodity Markets
- ❖ Module 5. Structural transformations in private sector agricultural markets
- ❖ Module 6. Standards, GMO, and IPR in Agricultural Trade
- ❖ Module 7. Recent developments in multilateral trading system
- ❖ Module 8. Agriculture in regional and preferential agreements
- ❖ Module 9. Trade policy reforms and strategic export development
- ❖ Module 10. Lessons from regional case studies

Location

trapca Campus, Eastern & Southern African Management Institute Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania

<http://www.trapca.org>

Important dates

Deadline for applications: January 22nd, 2010 [Interested applicants are encouraged to apply early, as admission decisions will be made on a rolling basis.]

Selected participants notified: January 29, 2010

Course dates: February 15-19, 2010

Language

The course will be conducted entirely in English.

Registration and other costs

Click the link below to register for the course, and click *submit* when you have finished.

http://info.worldbank.org/etools/wbi_learning/activity.cfm?sch_id=GCR10-00-059

There is no registration charge to participants.

Participants are expected to fund their travel and subsistence expenses from their sponsoring agencies budgets and available donors funding (two coffee breaks and lunches will be provided at the course venue). All participants are expected to arrange and finance their own travel accommodations.

A very limited number of sponsorships are available to cover costs of travel and accommodation for exceptional candidates.

For more information

The course is jointly organized by the World Bank Institute (WBI) and the Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (TRAPCA).

Requests for application/registration package as well as all inquiries on registration and general aspects of the course should be sent to:

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