

Seminar on WTO investment Facilitation Rules

Project Profile

Name	Seminar on WTO investment Facilitation Rules		
Organizer	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China		
Time	September 3 to 17, 2026 (15 days)	Language	English
Invited Participants	Officials from relevant departments from developing countries (for officials at the Director-General and Director level)		
Number of Participants	20 persons in total		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 50 for officials at the Director-General level; under 45 for officials at the Director level	
	Health	Participants should be in good health, and provide a health certificate or medical examination form issued by a local public hospital. Participants should be free of diseases prohibited by Chinese laws and regulations to enter the country, free of other serious chronic diseases such as severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, and diabetes, mental diseases or infectious diseases that may pose a significant public health risk, not in the period of recovering from major surgery or acute illness, not severely physically disabled nor pregnant.	
	Language	Participants should be capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English that can meet the requirements of the class.	
	Others	Family members or friends shall not follow.	
Host City	Beijing	Local Temperature	Average temperature in Beijing in September: 17°C–28°C
Cities to Visit	Pending	Local Temperature	/
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About the Organizer	The Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO) is an educational and training institution directly under the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. Established in 1980, AIBO is located in Changping District, Beijing, about 30 kilometers from Beijing Capital International Airport. It boasts comprehensive infrastructure to provide services such as accommodation, catering, training and meetings for trainees. One of the main responsibilities of AIBO is to implement human resources development and cooperation projects, especially training courses for officials. The Academy serves as the main base for China's foreign aid training, offering both off-line and on-line training in China		

	and overseas. Backed by the Ministry of Commerce and in close cooperation with China's top think tanks, research institutes and universities, AIBO brings together a large number of China's top experts and scholars to provide intellectual support for foreign aid training. It has developed a number of high-quality foreign aid training projects in the fields of trade and investment, international economic cooperation, governance and public management, which have proved to be fruitful. Since 1998, AIBO has successfully held over 2,500 training sessions for officials from developing countries (including 147 ministerial seminars), benefiting about 84,000 participants from other developing countries around the world. AIBO will adhere to the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and take the important concepts, including a community with a shared future for mankind, pursuing the greater good and shared interests, and sincerity, real results, amity, good faith, mutual benefit and inclusiveness, as strategic guidance and fundamental principles to be followed. It will facilitate the joint efforts in implementing major initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Global Development Initiative (GDI), and continue to help developing countries accelerate their development by sharing China's experience and programs. For more information about AIBO, please visit https://www.china-aibo.cn/en/.
About the Project	Background: In February 2024, during the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC13), more than 120 WTO members reached the <i>Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) Agreement</i>. As the world's first multilateral investment agreement, its key provisions include enhancing transparency in investment policies, streamlining administrative approval procedures, promoting cooperation on cross-border investment facilitation, and advancing sustainable development. The agreement helps improve global investment facilitation and promote smoother international investment flows. To support other developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, in implementing the agreement, the seminar is organized by China. Purpose: The seminar aims to share China's and international experience in foreign investment management, deepen officials' understanding of the disciplines under the WTO's <i>Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) Agreement</i>, facilitate the exchange among relevant countries on regulatory policies for investment facilitation and gaps in implementation capacity, and ultimately strengthen the ability of relevant countries to implement the Agreement's disciplines. Content: The topics of the seminar will mainly cover China's national conditions and Chinese modernization; Chinese leaders' governance philosophy; the Global Development Initiative and the call for building a community with a shared future for mankind; introduction to China's and international experience in foreign investment management; and

	investment facilitation under the multilateral trading system. Methods: Invite experts in related fields to give special lectures on different themes; organize discussions and exchanges between trainees and experts and among trainees; and organize trainees to pay field visits to relevant organizations and enterprises in Beijing and other cities. (The above is a preliminary schedule, which may be adjusted based on the actual situation. The final version will be provided after your arrival in China.)
Notes	1. Please prepare your passport, Chinese visa and third-party transit country visa (if necessary) before coming to China. 2. If you cannot depart on time due to special circumstances, or if there is a flight delay during the transfer, please contact the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese embassy or the organizer in time and inform the staff of the new flight No. and time of arrival in Beijing so that the staff can arrange pick-up for you. 3. In principle, it is not allowed to change the air tickets to China. If you really need to do so, please contact the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese embassy and follow the procedures to change your ticket. If you change the air ticket without consent, the organizer will report it to the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese embassy and the costs and responsibilities therefore incurred shall be borne by yourself. 4. After claiming your luggage, please wait patiently at the international arrival exit (or domestic arrival exit) and the staff will pick you up with a pick-up board with your name on it. If you wait more than 15 minutes, please call the organizer immediately. 5. In case of lost luggage to be registered with the airline, please first communicate with the organizer to confirm the luggage delivery location and then fill in the registration form. 6. Dress code: Please pay attention to the weather conditions of the host city during the seminar and bring appropriate clothes. For important occasions, please dress formally (national costumes are acceptable). 7. For information about the venue (Beijing), please refer to https://english.beijing.gov.cn/.