

**D. Training Workshop on the World Trade Organization (Organized in cooperation with the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC), World Trade Organization), 28th March – 1st April 2011, AALCO Headquarters, New Delhi**

A five-day training workshop on the World Trade Organization (WTO) was organized by the Centre for Research and Training (CRT) of AALCO in cooperation with the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC), World Trade Organization from 28 March to 1 April 2011 at the AALCO Headquarters, New Delhi. The training

programme was attended by 40 participants from 11 countries, namely, India, People's Republic of China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Uganda, Sultanate of Oman, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Kingdom of Morocco and Suriname.

The Inaugural Session was held on 28 March 2011 wherein the Secretary-General of AALCO delivered the welcome address and in his address, he briefly outlined on AALCO's work on the WTO related matters. Mr. Masahiro Mikami, Director, International Legal Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan in his opening remarks highlighted the relationship between the Government of Japan and AALCO as well as the importance of capacity building programmes for the Member States of AALCO. Ms. Vonai Muyambo, Training Officer, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, World Trade Organization in her introductory remarks emphasized the importance attached by the WTO to joint capacity building programmes with AALCO and also explained the methodology of the workshop. Prof. Abhijit Das, Head & Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi delivered the inaugural lecture on the topic: "Doha Negotiations: What is at Stake for Developing Countries". He made a detailed presentation on the negotiations on agriculture, non-agricultural market access (NAMA), cotton and fisheries. He also highlighted the role and concerns of the developing countries at the Doha round of negotiations. Dr. Xu Jie, Deputy Secretary-General, AALCO and Head of the Centre for Research and Training proposed a vote of thanks. On behalf of AALCO and CRT, he thanked the participants for showing keen interest in the training workshop and also thanked the distinguished speakers and the Secretary-General for their support and cooperation. He also sought support and cooperation in the future endeavours.

The five-day training workshop consisted of both lecture and case study. Ms. Vonai Muyambo was the lead resource person for the training workshop. The following topics were included; namely, Introduction to the World Trade Organization, WTO Basic Principles and Exceptions, Exercises on Basic Principles, General Agreement on Services (GATS), and Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). The case studies on GATS and TRIPS, namely, Liberalization of Retail Services in India, and Seizure of Generic Drugs was dealt by

Professor Madhukar Sinha, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi. Training programme was successfully concluded on 1 April 2011 and the Certificate of Completion was awarded to the participants.

