



ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING (CRT)

Basic Course on the World Trade Organization

01-05 February 2010, New Delhi

The Centre for Research and Training (CRT) of the AALCO successfully organized a five-day training programme "Basic Course on the World Trade Organization" from 1-5 February 2010.

The inaugural session was held on 1st February 2010 at 4.30 PM. H.E. Prof. Rahmat bin Mohamad, Secretary-General, AALCO, welcomed all the participants and highlighted the role and activities of AALCO and its training and research wing - CRT. Inaugural lecture was delivered by Professor B.S. Chimni, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Mr. Peter Pedersen, Counsellor, Council and TNC Division, World Trade Organization, also delivered a lecture on "Functioning of the WTO: An Insider's Perspective" at the inaugural session.

Sixty seven participants representing twenty four countries, namely, India, People's Republic of China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Nigeria, Bangladesh, State of Qatar, Lesotho, Libya, Ghana, Sultanate of Oman, Zimbabwe, Mongolia, Burundi, Venezuela, Kenya, Nepal, Malaysia, State of Kuwait, Syria, Uganda, Mauritius and Brunei Darussalam participated in the training programme. Participants include, Diplomats, Officials, Law Teachers, Research Scholars and students.

Lectures on the following topics were delivered: An Introduction to the World Trade Organization; Functioning of the WTO: An Insider's Perspective; An Introduction to the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS); TRIPS and Developing Countries: Some Implementation Issues; Trade and Environment Interface; An Introduction to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) & Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreements; State-of-Play in the Doha Round: Main Issues and Challenges; WTO Dispute Settlement System; Special and Differential Treatment; and General Agreement on Trade in Services. Lectures were delivered by experts in the field of WTO from diverse backgrounds. Experts include, Professor B.S. Chimni, Professor of International Law, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Mr. Peter Pedersen, Counsellor,

Council and TNC Division, World Trade Organization; Dr. V.G.Hegde, Associate Professor, Centre for International Legal Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Archana Negi, Assistant Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Ravindra Pratap, Assistant Professor, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi; and Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi.

The training programme concluded on 5th February 2010. H.E. Prof. Rahmat bin Mohamad, Secretary-General, AALCO distributed Certificate of completion to all the successful participants.