

WTI shares its experience on trade-related capacity building at UNCTAD meeting

As a member of UNCTAD's Virtual Institute, the WTI (represented by Deputy Managing Director and Director of Studies Pierre Sauvé) spoke at a meeting of the UNCTAD Advisory Group on the Strengthening of Training Capacities and Human Resources Development in Geneva on October 22, 2009. The Advisory Group is mandated to examine the evolution of UNCTAD's training and capacity-building activities in order to determine the elements needing to be strengthened, developed or modified; and to put forth proposals to enhance the work being carried out by UNCTAD in this area. The meeting focused on building knowledge and skills on trade-related policies through training courses for developing country officials, in the context of the UNCTAD's flagship regional course on Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda. Among the experts attending the meeting were providers of training for government officials in areas related to trade and development, as well as experts who have taken part in the UNCTAD regional course, either as participants and /or representatives of organizations that hosted the course. Besides the World Trade Institute, the following organizations and institutions were represented as providers of training for government officials: World Trade Organisation (WTO); International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC); the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR); the DiploFoundation; and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).