



# MODEL WTO 2022



25<sup>th</sup> Edition







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# 01 | Vision

## Concept

The Model WTO is a student initiative that provides a unique opportunity for future decision-makers to debate on important global issues within the simulation framework of the WTO ministerial negotiations. Every year since 1997, students from all around the world are invited to Switzerland to debate and exchange creative ideas in the exceptional context of the World Trade Organization.

## Objectives

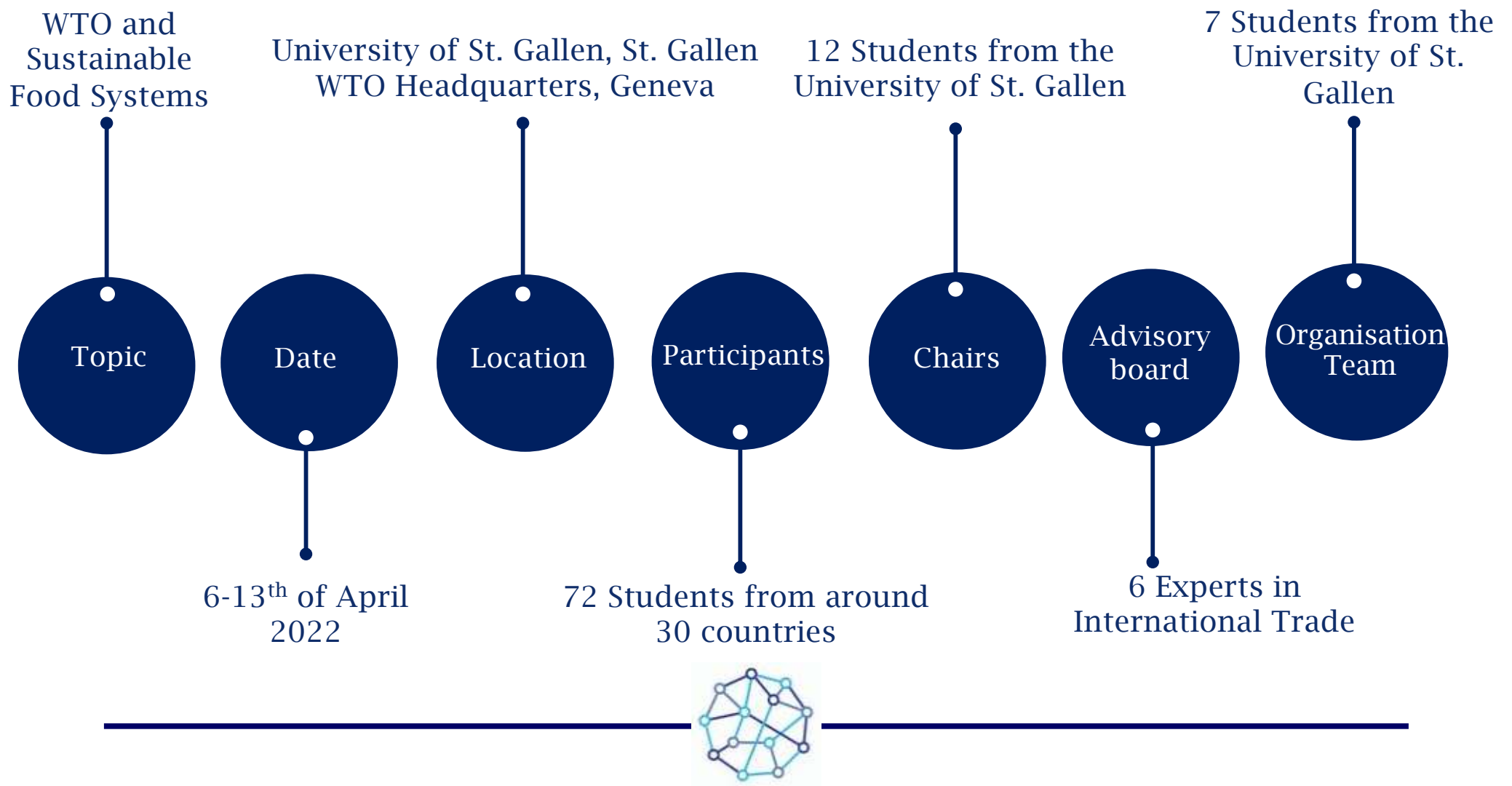
Our objective is to sensitize our student audience to the current issues of international trade as well as to enable the participants to have a unique insight into the procedure for adopting trade resolutions. In that sense, the Model WTO offers a unique experience for students to get involved in a high-level training and benefit from the expertise of WTO professionals. In addition, our goals are more than academic: we seek and encourage the exchange of knowledge, the meeting of international students from different backgrounds, and the active participation of young people in today's society.

## Organization

The upcoming conference will be held from **April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the University of St. Gallen and at the WTO headquarters in Geneva.** The event is organized by seven students at the University of St. Gallen who are supported by an advisory board of six experts in international trade to ensure the quality of the simulation. Moreover, the conference will be supervised by a team of 12 additional students from the University of St. Gallen who will undertake the role of chairs and will actively guide the negotiations.



# 02|Project





# 03|Topic – WTO & Sustainable Food Systems

*“We have a collective responsibility to leverage international trade to build the sustainable food systems we need”*

Director-General Okonjo-Iweala in her message to the United Nations Food Systems Summit 2021

The multilateral trading system plays a vital role in achieving global food security, nutrition, and addressing the twin challenges of climate change and environmental sustainability. This importance has been further highlighted by the global Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing climate crisis which raise food prices and leave the hungry even hungrier. Trade can improve food availability where it is scarce and improve access to food by creating jobs and raising incomes. More predictability will also improve stability, another key component of food security. The WTO multilateral trading system must continue to level the playing field in food trade and enable countries to raise their environmental, social, and other relevant food standards.

The Model WTO 2022 will build on these current developments and address issues particularly relevant in the context of sustainable food systems and food security. The negotiations will, among others, focus on the nexus of food sovereignty and food security, the environmental footprint of traded food, the sustainability of the food system, potential obstacles to trade in food.



# 04 | Role of Participants

## Delegates

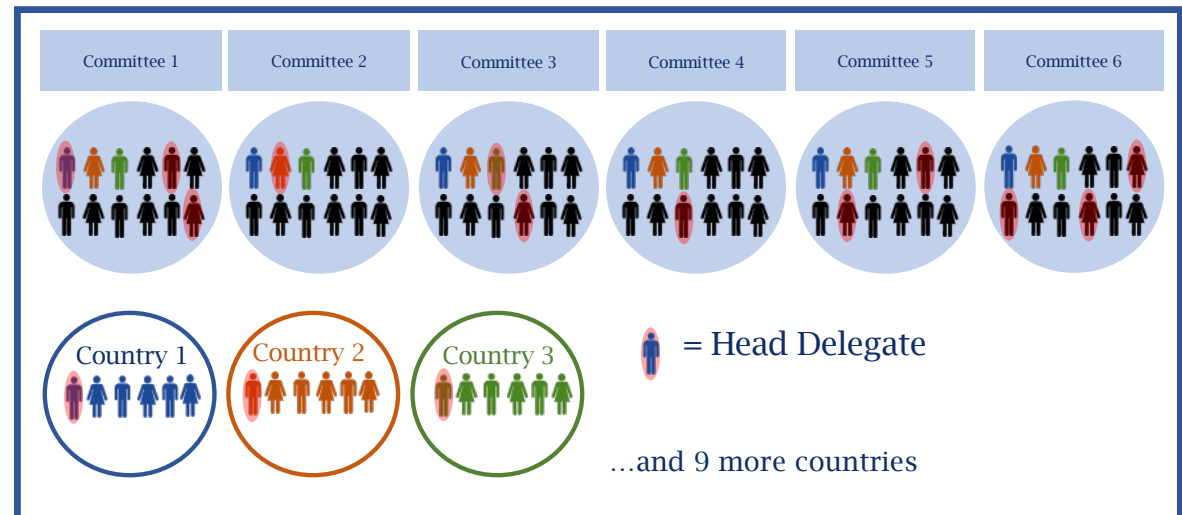
The role of the 60 conference participants is to represent one of 12 countries and the country's interests in one of the 6 committees as a Delegate. Each Committee is composed of one Delegate of each of the countries (12 Delegates for 12 countries per Committee). The Delegate's main contribution comes during the negotiations of Committee resolutions during which the Delegates are tasked with defending the views and interests of the country they're representing.

## Head Delegates

Each of the 12 countries/delegations is led by one Head Delegate. Head Delegates are responsible for aligning the position of the country/delegation for the conference's debates and negotiations.

## Chairs

The role of the Chairpersons (12 students at the University of St. Gallen only) is to lead one of the six committees and the negotiation.



- 12 countries with 6 Delegates each.
- 6 committees with 12 Delegates each from a different country.
- Every country has one Head Delegate.
- Each committee has two Chairs, some Head Delegates (not necessarily equally distributed among the 6 committees) and Delegates.





# 05|Application Process

## The Application Process

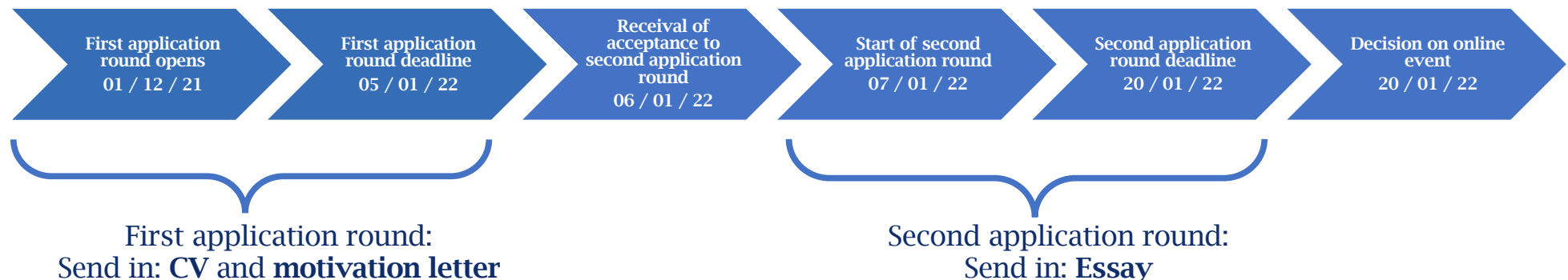
In the first round applicants will need to submit their **CV along with a short motivation letter by the application deadline on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

Please fill out the application form and follow the instructions at [www.model-wto.org](http://www.model-wto.org) until the **5<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.**

In a second round of application the remaining participants will be asked to **write an essay until January 20<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

## Essay Topic

The essay topic will be announced soon! You will be notified via email as soon as the topic is published. Additionally, you can also check out our website for more information.



# 06|Next steps after acceptance

## After the acceptance of the invitation letter

After the acceptance of the Conference Invitation (on January 30<sup>th</sup>) the **60 selected participants** will be asked to provide us with their country/committee preferences and they will be allocated accordingly. Following the final phase, participants must submit the payment for the **participation fee of CHF 420 within two weeks**. A webinar will be held in the end of March for all the participants to provide them with the necessary information before the conference.

This year, the participation fee amounts to **CHF 420**. For questions regarding financial aid please inform yourself on [www.model-wto.org](http://www.model-wto.org).

## Committees

Delegates will be allocated to one of six committees that will explore issues relating to **the WTO and Sustainable Food Systems**. Further updates can be found on our website and on social media.



Receival of  
Invitation  
25 / 01 / 22

Acceptance of  
Invitation  
30 / 01 / 22

Payment of the  
Participant's  
fee  
14 / 02 / 22



















































Committee  
Allocation  
15 / 02 / 21

Webinar  
Information  
Session  
End of March

Start of the  
Conference  
06 / 04 / 22



# 07|Provisional Week Outline

| Wednesday<br>April 6th  | Thursday<br>April 7th  | Friday<br>April 8th  | Saturday<br>April 9th  | Sunday<br>April 10th   | Monday<br>April 11th  | Tuesday<br>April 12th   | Wednesday<br>April 13th   |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Arrival in<br/>St. Gallen</b><br> | <br> <b>Opening Ceremony</b> | <br><b>Input Session</b>      | <br> | <br> <b>Transfer to Geneva</b> | <br><b>IHEID Session</b>   | <br><b>Feedback Session With WTO Experts</b> | <b>Departure</b><br>   |
|   |  <b>Team Building</b>   |                               |    |   |                            |    |   |
|   |  <b>Agenda Setting</b>  |                              |    |   |                            |    |   |
|   |  <b>Head Delegate Meeting</b>   |  <b>Head Delegate Meeting</b> |  <b>Head Delegate Meeting</b>  |   |                            |    |   |
|   |    |                              |   |  <b>Sightseeing</b>  |  <b>Visit to Missions</b> |  <b>Closing Ceremony</b>                     |   |
| <b>Meet your host</b>   |   |                             |    |   |                          |    |  - Free Time<br> - Negotiations |
|                                    |   |                             |    |   |                          |    |   |



# 08|Online Version of the Model WTO 2022

Due to the uncertainty in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, **the probability that the Model WTO 2022 will be held fully online is low but nevertheless existent.** The essence of the event would stay the same, but the following, provisional changes, must be taken into consideration:

- 7-day event from Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2022, to Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2022
- 3 hours of negotiations per day, in addition to social, online activities
- Highly reduced participation fee

Please note that these changes are provisional. Further updates and modifications will be made available through the Model WTO communication channels (website, social networks, emails). The final decision on whether the Model WTO conference will be held in-person or online will be made public on the **20<sup>th</sup> of January 2022**, five days before the receipt of invitation.





## 09 | Previous Participants



"I had the opportunity to participate in the MWTO in St. Gallen and Geneva. I had the chance to take part in the simulation in the European Union team I and together with the diplomatic negotiation skills could practice and improve it was also an honor to meet and discuss with representatives at the WTO. We met trade experts and were able to take all the best advice they could give us. It has been a 360 degrees experience which has been highly enriching for my career and for my personal development."

**Giulia Tagliani – Università di Bologna – Participant in 2019**



"If you're hesitant about joining Model WTO, fret not! Everyone has an equal opportunity to learn from each other through new perspectives and immerse in the highlights of the conference, which include networking nights and visits to the trade missions of the respective allotted countries. All in all, a very memorable experience that I'd certainly recommend to anyone interested in the field of international trade. »

**Justin Alexander Halim – Universitas Indonesia – Participant in 2021**



"The MWTO allowed participants to gain first-hand experience on the technicalities of the multilateral trading system, and the theme for the conference was 'Trade and Public Health'. A very pertinent one given the challenges brought forth with the global COVID-19 Pandemic."

**Nwadike Bacchus - University of the West Indies – Participant in 2021**



"The MWTO 2019 was one of the most formative experiences of my university year. 2019 was a particularly pivotal year in the institutional history of the WTO given the impasse on the Appellate Body, and it was awesome being able to simulate resolving this problem. Having already an interest in international trade, attending the week long conference (with a day at the actual WTO!) really cemented my ambition to work for a multilateral institution. And to top it off, I found it really fun and I still see the friends I made at MWTO!"

**Christine Jiang – Oxford University – Participant in 2019**



# 10|Previous Editions



# 11 | Prizes for Participants



## Prizes for Best Delegates

**A tuition fee waiver for one week in a future WTI Winter or Summer Academy for the 6 best delegates, each worth CHF 1,200**

Based on a multitude of criteria, the Model WTO Team, WTO Experts, the Chairs and your fellow participants will evaluate your performance and the performance of your country-colleagues during the week.

We will take a look on your arguments, your strategy but also how you involve other countries and if you really made relevant attempts to construct a consensus. It is a team event, so if you want to win, you need to make sure that your delegates in the other committees do well collectively.



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## Prizes For Best Essays

**Free courses at the EPLO LL.M. Program in Athens with a total value worth EUR 4,000**

The best three essays will be awarded with free courses at the EPLO LL.M. Program in Athens.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

40 hours at EPLO – free choice from the whole variety of courses (value of EUR 2,000)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes**

20 hours at EPLO – free choice from the whole variety of courses (value of EUR 1,000 each)





# 12|Our Advisory Board



**Fabio Petrig**

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Head of External Relations at the WTO. Former First Secretary at the WTO Unit of the Dutch Permanent Representation in Geneva.



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Professor of Political Science at the University of St. Gallen with a special focus on the Political Theory of the Globalizing and Digital Society.



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