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## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### TBT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2011<sup>1</sup>

#### Information from the Secretariat<sup>2</sup>

The following information was provided by the WTO Secretariat at the TBT Committee meeting of 24-25 March 2011 under Agenda Item 4 (Technical Co-operation Activities). The tables describe TBT technical assistance activities undertaken and planned for 2011.

#### 1. Geneva-Based Events

Date	Activity	Participants	Venue	Organized by
6-17 June 2011	Advanced Course on the TBT Agreement	25 participants from WTO Members/Observers	Geneva	WTO

#### 2. Regional Workshops

Date	Region	Venue	Organized by	Other participating organizations
5-7 April 2011	Arab countries	Doha, Qatar	WTO	-
September 2011	English speaking Africa countries	South Africa	WTO	tbc
Dates to be confirmed	French-speaking African countries	Mali	WTO	tbc
Dates to be confirmed	Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus	Vienna, Austria	WTO	tbc

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<sup>1</sup> More detailed information on TBT technical assistance activities, including programmes of the events, is made available on: [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/tbt\\_e/tbt\\_tech\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/tbt_tech_e.htm).

<sup>2</sup> This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members and to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

### 3. Member Workshops

Date	Venue	Organized by
26-27 January 2011	Chile	WTO
9-10 February	Costa Rica	WTO
24 January 2011	Burundi	WTO
8-9 March 2011	Serbia	WTO
4 April 2011	Qatar	WTO
April 2011	Uganda	WTO
May 2011	Belarus	WTO
September 2011	Botswana	WTO
Dates to be confirmed	Bhutan	WTO
Dates to be confirmed	Ethiopia	WTO
Dates to be confirmed	Gabon	WTO
Dates to be confirmed	Malawi	WTO
Dates to be confirmed	Namibia	WTO
Dates to be confirmed	Nicaragua	WTO

### 4. Trade Policy Courses covering, *inter alia*, the TBT Agreement

#### (a) Geneva-Based

Date	Name of course (language)	Organized by
24 February 2011	2nd advanced Trade Policy Course: TBT (level 3)	WTO (ITTC)

#### (b) Regional

Date	Region	Venue	Organized by
12-14 July 2011	Africa (English)	Swaziland	WTO (ITTC)
Dates to be confirmed	Asia and Pacific (English)	India	WTO (ITTC)
Dates to be confirmed	Africa (French)	Benin	WTO (ITTC)

### 5. E-Learning: Online Courses

1. The TBT-online course is addressed to government officials from developing country Members and Observers and covers all aspects of the TBT Agreement. As of 2011, the TBT on-line course is available throughout the year in all three languages.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> While the WTO E-Learning material is freely available in the WTO E-Learning website, participants have to register and submit a nomination form in order to participate in a monitored course, access the module exams and obtain a WTO certificate. More information can be obtained at: <http://etraining.wto.org/>.