

**WCP at the University of Jordan Announce the WTO Workshop on:**

**TRADE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**VENUE:**

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, GREAT THEATER**

**UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN**

Amman, Jordan, 17-19 October 2017

The University of Jordan jointly with the WTO Under the umbrella of the WTO Chairs Programme, will organize WTO WORKSHOP on 'Trade and Inclusive Economic Growth', during the period 18-19<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. The aim is to *enhance knowledge of development issues and policies being evolved under the multilateral trading system and to upgrade capacity in better understanding the relation between trade and inclusive economic growth. The expected audience of the workshop are mainly academics, researchers and trade officials who are interested in following the most recent developments on issues related to development, trade and inclusive economic growth. Participants in the workshop activities will have the opportunity to attend and participate in the School of Business 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference focusing on the main theme "Trade and Inclusive Economic Growth'.*

A Tentative program of the workshop is described below:

**18 OCTOBER 2017**

Session 1: Trade and Development: Overview of literature: the linkages between trade and development, the broad objectives that the global community has set out to fulfil through the multilateral trading system.

Session 2: Trade and Development: Evolution of development issues and associated rules in the multilateral trading system starting from GATT to the creation of WTO.

Session 3: Inclusive economic growth: Definitions, dimensions and measurement.

Session 4: Trade and inclusive economic growth - I: Economic theory and empirical evidence on the linkages between trade (trade liberalization) and inclusive economic development in terms of economic growth, inequality, poverty.

Session 5: Trade and inclusive economic growth - II: Some recent thinking on trade policies to foster inclusive economic growth (SMEs, global value chains, access to finance, digital divide and e-commerce, women participation in trade etc.).

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Session 6: Trade and Development: Special and Differential Treatment (S&D) Provisions in the WTO: Perspectives from developing countries, the viewpoints from other Members, latest developments and areas of potential work.

Session 7: Practical aspects of development challenges faced by developing countries in the multilateral trading system, including issues faced by the Arab region

Session 8: Participation of developing countries in world trade: statistical overview of the participation of developing countries in world trade and discussion on recent trends as well as trade profile of countries in the Arab region.

Session 9: Prospects of fostering inclusive growth in the WTO: (i) Aid for Trade; (ii) current activities and negotiations in the WTO including work on e-commerce, investment facilitation, etc.