On Wednesday, 14 October, at University College, Nairobi, the Hon. Dr. J.G. Kiano, Kenya, Minister for Commerce and Industry, will open this year’s GATT/ECA Course on Commercial Policy and Foreign Trade.

The Course is being held from 14 October to 10 November and will bring together some twenty government officials from six East and Central African countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Somalia, Tanganyika and Zanzibar, and Uganda.

The object of the Course is to help officials from African countries to get more closely acquainted with the commercial policy and foreign trade problems which developing countries have to face, and, through discussion among themselves and with competent persons dealing with these problems in Kenya, to see how they are being tackled.

The Course, which is organized by GATT in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Technical Assistance authorities, is the fifth of its kind. Previous courses for officials from English-speaking African countries were held in Dar-es-Salaam (1962) and Kampala (1963), and those from French-speaking African countries in Dakar, Senegal (1962) and Abidjan, Ivory Coast (1963). A further course will be held later this year in Yaoundé and Douala, Cameroon. By then, 106 officials from some twenty-four African countries will have attended.

This Course opening at Nairobi is directed by Mr. J. Royer, who was formerly Deputy Executive Secretary of GATT.

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