At the beginning of August 1967, a group of officials from less-developed countries started a course of advanced training in international trade and commercial policy at the GATT headquarters in Geneva. This is the twenty-fourth of such courses held regularly since 1956.

The GATT course, of five months' duration, will cover such main fields as the formulation and implementation of trade policy, the operation of GATT, tariff and trade negotiations, agricultural trade problems, trade and economic development, trends and patterns of international trade, as well as special problems of developing countries.

Attending the current course are officials from: Argentina, Bulgaria, Burundi, Congo (Brazzaville), Laos, Madagascar, Mali, Rumania, Syria, Togo and Tunisia.

The purpose of the GATT training programme is to train technical and policy-making government officials. The participants are officials who have or will have responsibilities in the framing and administration of commercial, tariff or development policies of their governments. So far some 190 officials from some 60 countries have completed this training. With the benefit of the GATT training course they are now contributing to the efforts of their countries to expand their trade and develop their economies.
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