

Seminar on Standards and Conformity Assessment Cooperation under Free Trade Agreements

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Organizer	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China		
Time	November 5 to November 14, 2025 (10 days)	Language	English
Invited Participants	Officials at the Director-General and Director level responsible for FTA negotiations, especially on the chapters of Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), as well as those in charge of standards and conformity assessment cooperation.		
Number of Participants	25 persons in total		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	/	
	Health	Participants should be in good health and provide a health certificate or medical examination form issued by a local public hospital. Participants should be free of diseases prohibited by Chinese laws and regulations to enter the country, free of other serious chronic diseases such as severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, mental diseases or infectious diseases that may pose a significant public health risk, not in the period of recovering from major surgery or acute illness, not severely physically disabled nor pregnant.	
	Language	Participants should possess English proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing sufficient to meet the seminar requirements.	
	Others	Family members and friends are not allowed to follow.	
Host City	Beijing	Local Temperature	Average temperature in Beijing in November: 1~13°C
Cities to Visit	Pending	Local Temperature	
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<p>Organizer Introduction</p>	<p>The Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO) is an educational and training institution directly under the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. Established in 1980, AIBO is located in Changping District, Beijing, about 30 kilometers from Beijing Capital International Airport. It boasts comprehensive infrastructure to provide services such as accommodation, catering, training and meetings for trainees.</p> <p>One of the main responsibilities of AIBO is to implement human resources development and cooperation projects, especially training courses for officials. The Academy serves as the main base for China's foreign aid training, offering both offline and online training in China and overseas.</p> <p>Backed by the Ministry of Commerce and in close cooperation with China's top think tanks, research institutes and universities, AIBO brings together a large number of China's top experts and scholars to provide intellectual support for foreign aid training. It has developed a number of high-quality foreign aid training projects in the fields of trade and investment, international economic cooperation, governance and public management, which have proved to be fruitful.</p> <p>Since 1998, AIBO has successfully held over 2,000 training sessions for officials from developing countries (including 131 ministerial seminars), benefiting nearly 70,000 trainees from other developing countries around the world.</p> <p>AIBO will adhere to the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and take the important concepts, including a community with a shared future for mankind, pursuing the greater good and shared interests, and sincerity, real results, amity, good faith, mutual benefit and inclusiveness, as strategic guidance and fundamental principles to be followed. It will facilitate the joint efforts in implementing major initiatives such as the "the Belt and Road" Initiative and the Global Development Initiative, and continue to help developing countries accelerate their development by sharing China's experience and programs.</p>
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About the project	<p>Background: China attaches great importance to the construction of free trade areas and has signed 23 free trade agreements (FTAs) with 30 countries and regions, covering various topics such as trade in goods, trade in services, investment, and rules. This seminar is open to trade partners and will systematically introduce Chinese practices of FTA negotiations, the current standards system, and international cooperation on standards and conformity assessment.</p> <p>Purpose: Through this seminar, participants are expected to gain comprehensive understanding of Chinese FTA development and the measures China has taken to advance high-level opening-up, to improve FTA negotiation skills on trade in goods, trade in services, investment and rules-related areas. Moreover, this seminar will introduce Chinese standards system and provide a communication channel for international cooperation on standards and conformity assessment.</p> <p>Content: The agenda of the seminar will mainly cover an overview of China's national conditions, Chinese modernization, the development history of China's FTAs, as well as FTA negotiation practices on trade in goods and services, investment, TBT, standards and conformity assessment cooperation and other rules-related topics. Particularly, Chinese standards system and conformity assessment procedures, as well as cutting-edge trends and development in international standards cooperation will be discussed during the seminar.</p> <p>Method: Invite experts in relevant fields to deliver lectures on specific topics; organize discussions and exchanges between participants and experts; and arrange on-site visits for participants to exchange ideas with relevant institutions and enterprises in Beijing or other cities.</p> <p>(The above is a preliminary schedule, which may be adjusted according to the actual situation, and the final version will be provided upon arrival in China.)</p>
Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please prepare your passport, Chinese visa, and third-party transit country visa (if necessary) before coming to China. 2. If participants cannot depart on time due to special circumstances, or if there is a flight delay during the transfer, please contact the Economic and Trade Office or the organizer in time and inform the latest flight No. and time of arrival in Beijing so that we can arrange pick-up for you. 3. In principle, it is not allowed for individuals to change their tickets to China. If you really need to do so, please contact the Economic and Trade Office and follow the procedures to change your ticket. Participants who change their tickets without consent will be notified to the Chinese embassy and the costs and responsibilities therefore incurred shall be borne by yourself. 4. After picking up the luggage, please wait patiently at the international arrival exit (or domestic arrival exit) and the organizer will pick you up with a pick-up board with your name

	<p>on it. If waiting for more than 15 minutes, you can communicate with the organizer by phone.</p> <p>5. In case of lost baggage so you need to register the loss procedure with the airline, please first communicate with the organizer to confirm the baggage delivery location and then fill in the registration form.</p> <p>6. Dress code: Participants should pay attention to the weather conditions during the seminar and bring appropriate clothes. Participants should wear formal clothes (national costumes are also acceptable) for important activities in the seminar.</p>
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