

2019 Workshop on Investment Facilitation and Development

Project Profile

Name	2019 Workshop on Investment Facilitation and Development		
Organizer	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China		
Time	November 3rd to November 11th, 2023 (9 days)	Language	English
Invited Participants	Officials from relevant departments of Developing Countries (for officials at the Ministerial level)		
Number of Participants	20 persons in total		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 50 for officials at the Director-General level; under 45 for officials at the Director level	
	Health	Participants should be in good health, 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 be capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English that can meet the requirements of the class.	
	Others	Family members or friends shall not follow	
Host City	Beijing	Local Temperature	Averagely 0°C to 10°C in November
Cities to Visit	Pending	Local Temperature	/
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<p>About the Organizer</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 off-line and on-line 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 124 ministerial seminars), benefiting nearly 59,000 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 Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Global Development Initiative (GDI), and continue to help developing countries accelerate their development by sharing China’s experience and programs.</p>
<p>About the Project</p>	<p>Background: Investment facilitation refers to simplify and harmonize international direct investment (IDI) procedures so as to reduce costs and create a coherent, transparent and predictable investment environment. It is one of the key issues currently being actively explored by WTO members. In the area of investment facilitation, the problems of government inefficiency, cumbersome administrative procedures and lack of transparency remain prominent in many countries and regions. As an active promoter of investment facilitation, China has facilitated the adoption of the Guiding Principles for Global Investment Policymaking, including investment facilitation, at the G20 Hangzhou Summit. Besides, China has also proposed and facilitated the adoption of Outlines for BRICS Investment Facilitation at the BRICS Xiamen Summit, and initiated and established the “Friends of Investment Facilitation for Development (FIFD)” and proposed the “China’s Proposal on Investment Facilitation” at the WTO. In recent years, China has actively improved its relevant investment policies and continuously upgraded its level of investment facilitation through measures such as spearheading the establishment of the pilot free trade zones and reforming the filling system.</p> <p>Purpose: The seminar aims to help participants to introduce China’s achievements and experiences in investment promotion since its reform and opening-up, further promote international cooperation in investment facilitation, facilitate in-depth economic integration with most developing countries for mutual benefits and win-win results, so as to build an innovative,</p>

	<p>inclusive and open world economy, and thus building a global community of shared future for mankind.</p> <p>Content: The seminar will give lectures on various topics such as overview of China’s national conditions, the Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI), the Chinese path to modernization, the Global Development Initiative (GDI) and a global community of shared future for mankind, Chinese leaders’ philosophy on the state governance, China’s experience in reform and opening-up and economic development, China’s policies and measures to attract foreign investment, China’s investment promotion system, customs trade facilitation, trade facilitation under WTO rules, etc.</p> <p>Method: The seminar will invite Chinese experts from relevant fields to give themed lectures on various topics; organize discussions and exchanges between participants and experts, and among participants; organize study tours to Beijing and other cities.</p> <p>(The above is the 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 Business 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 on it. If waiting for more than 15 minutes, you can communicate with the organizer by phone. 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. 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.