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Participants of the World Trade Organization Regional Trade Policy Course pose for a photograph at the Opening Ceremony, held on Monday 3rd June, 2019. Seated from left: Mr. Roberto Fiorentino, Counsellor, ITTC, WTO; Prof. John Agard, Director, Office of Research Development and Knowledge Transfer, The UWI; Prof. Jessica Byron, Director, IIR; Mr. Norris Herbert, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry; Ms. Lissette Nonalaya, WTO Facilitator

The Opening of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Regional Trade Policy Course (RTPC) was held on Monday 3rd June, 2019, at the Institute of International Relations (IIR), the official host of the eight (8) week training course. Professor Jessica Byron, Director, IIR, welcomed the WTO delegation, led by Mr. Roberto Fiorentino, Counsellor, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC), specially invited guests from the UWI, St. Augustine campus and the Private sector, as well as the twenty-two (22)

Participants, to the opening of the RTPC which will run from June 3rd to July 26th, 2019. Professor John Agard, Director, Office of Research Development and Knowledge Transfer, The UWI brought greetings on behalf of Professor Brian Copeland, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal, highlighting the importance of the relationship forged between the WTO and the UWI. Mr. Norris Herbert, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, also gave remarks on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

Along with four (4) officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry of Trinidad and Tobago, eighteen (18) visiting professionals from Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname, will embark on this 8-week programme. WTO Facilitators and Regional Resource persons will cover topics such as the Basic Principles of the WTO, Trade Facilitation, Agriculture, Trade in Services, Dispute Settlement, Regionalism, Development, inter alia.



Prof. Jessica Byron, Director, IIR, The UWI, chairs the Opening Ceremony of the RTPC



Prof. John Agard, Director, Office of Research Development and Knowledge Transfer, The UWI



Mr. Roberto Fiorentino, Counsellor, ITTC, WTO, gave remarks on behalf of the WTO



Mr. Norris Herbert, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, emphasised the value of the partnership between the WTO, The UWI and the Ministry



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