



## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on International Trade and Investment**

**Special Conference Theme 'Non-Tariff Measures, the New Frontier of Trade Policy?'**  
**4-6 September 2013, Mauritius**

**Organized by the University of Mauritius (UoM) and the WTO Chairs Programme (WCP)**

Even though import tariffs have declined globally owing to the demands from the multilateral rounds negotiations and the proliferating preferential agreements, Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) have risen significantly in recent years and have become a concern for competitiveness. While many of the NTMs have been designed to achieve legitimate goals such as protecting public health and the environment, they can impede trade via impaired competitiveness because they constrain the ability of firms to outsource key inputs, complicate day-to-day business and distract managerial attention. Firm surveys highlight private-sector demands for more transparency in the adoption and application of NTMs across countries. Furthermore, most studies on the impact of African and other regional initiatives have highlighted the negative dimensions of NTMs adopted by individual members to the various RTAs and which are significantly hampering any trade creating potential.

As such, the third international Conference on **International Trade and Investment** with the theme '**Non-tariff measures, the new frontier of trade policy?**' aims at providing a forum not only to academics working on issues related to Africa and developing countries but also to policy makers from the region where they could discuss and deliberate on the impact that NTMS have on national trade and on regional initiatives progress and as such propose measures and remedial actions to try curb and mitigate their negative contribution, if any.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> UoM-WCP (ICITI2013) conference will also provide academics and policy makers with an opportunity to get acquainted with the latest thinking in international trade,

investment, aid, regional integration, trade competitiveness, economic development and poverty.

The conference invites conceptual, empirical research presentations, and country context case studies along the conference theme and other trade related issues. Delegates are invited to present completed research projects and/or work in progress. Submissions and presentations must address both the theoretical and practical implications of the findings.

Parallel tracks of refereed presentations will enable authors to obtain constructive feedback on their study. Furthermore, following the very positive feedback received from last year's conference participants as regards the half day round table which regrouped academics, policy makers and Ministers from the, we are pleased to announce that a similar event will also be held this year, content of which will revolve around the ICITI2013 conference theme. Finally, in addition to a high quality and enriching research experience, we will also provide delegates with the opportunity to explore the beautiful island of Mauritius.

### **Call for Papers**

The organizing committee invites abstract submission (Max 300 words)/full papers (Max 5000 words) from researchers and practitioners in the field of international trade, finance and investment. All abstracts should be formatted to facilitate the review process. Author's names and details, including names of all co-authors plus affiliations and addresses for general correspondence (including email address) of each author, and a brief personal profile (maximum 100 words) of the presenter, should appear on a separate cover page. In submitting an abstract, at least one author undertakes to attend the conference if the final paper is accepted. In addition, one author should not have more than two submissions, either as single or as co-author. All submissions should be forwarded via email (as a word.doc attachment) at [b.seetanah@uom.ac.mu](mailto:b.seetanah@uom.ac.mu) and [rvsan@uom.ac.mu](mailto:rvsan@uom.ac.mu), with subject line as 'ICITI2013 Submission'. Researchers are encouraged to register upon acceptance of their abstract.

Authors of accepted abstracts will need to submit the completed paper (maximum 5,000 words) by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013 for inclusion in the Conference proceedings (ISSN 169412225), subject to a blind review.

Preference will be given to empirical or conceptual papers which address the conference theme. Papers in other areas of international trade and investment can also be submitted, although preference will be given to those which revolve around the conference theme.

**Abstract Submission Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Notification of Acceptance (Abstract): 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Submission of Full Paper: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Notification of Acceptance (Full paper): 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Deadline for Early Bird Registration: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Latest Deadline for Registration: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

#### **Conference Fees**

Early Registration (by 25 <sup>th</sup> July , 2013):	US \$200
Normal Registration (by 10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2013):	US \$250
Student Registration: (by 10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2013):	US \$150

For more information on the conference, please visit our website <http://sites.uom.ac.mu/wtochair/>

**Keynote Speakers:** We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a plenary session on each day.

**Organising Committee:** Dr B. Seetanah (Co-Conference Chair), Dr R. V. Sannassee (Co-Conference Chair), Dr V. Tandrayen-Ragoobur (Co-Conference Chair), Dr B. Nowbutsing, and Mr M. Lamport.

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## **About WTO Chairs Programme**

The WTO Chairs Programme (WCP) seeks to enhance knowledge and understanding of the trading system among academics, citizens and policy makers in developing countries by stimulating teaching, research and public debate on international trade and trade cooperation at the level of tertiary education and research institutions.

The WTO provides financial support for a period of four years to academic institutions (The University of Mauritius being one), and facilitates continuous interaction between institutions, ministries, civil society, private sector, students and academics. It also supports academic institutions and associated individual scholars from developing countries in the following areas: course preparation, teaching, research and information dissemination. The ultimate objective of the WTO Chairs Programme is to strengthen the human and institutional capacities of universities from developing countries to support governments in the formulation of sound trade policies. One of the main objectives of WCP is to promote research focused on extending specialized knowledge and explaining the policy relevance of existing research.