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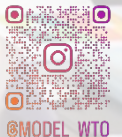
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01 | Vision

Concept

The Model WTO is a student-run initiative at the University of St. Gallen with the purpose of hosting a one-week simulation of World Trade Organization negotiations. Almost every year since 1997, leaders of tomorrow from across the globe have been invited to Switzerland to exchange creative ideas and discuss the future of international trade policy in the exceptional context of the World Trade Organization.

Objectives

Our objective is to sensitize our participants to the current issues of international trade as well as to enable them to have a unique insight into the procedure for adopting trade resolutions. In that sense, the Model WTO offers a unique experience for students to get involved in high-level training and benefit from the expertise of WTO professionals.

Our purpose exceeds the academic realm. We seek and encourage the exchange of knowledge, the meeting of international students from different backgrounds, and the active participation of young people on important issues within society.

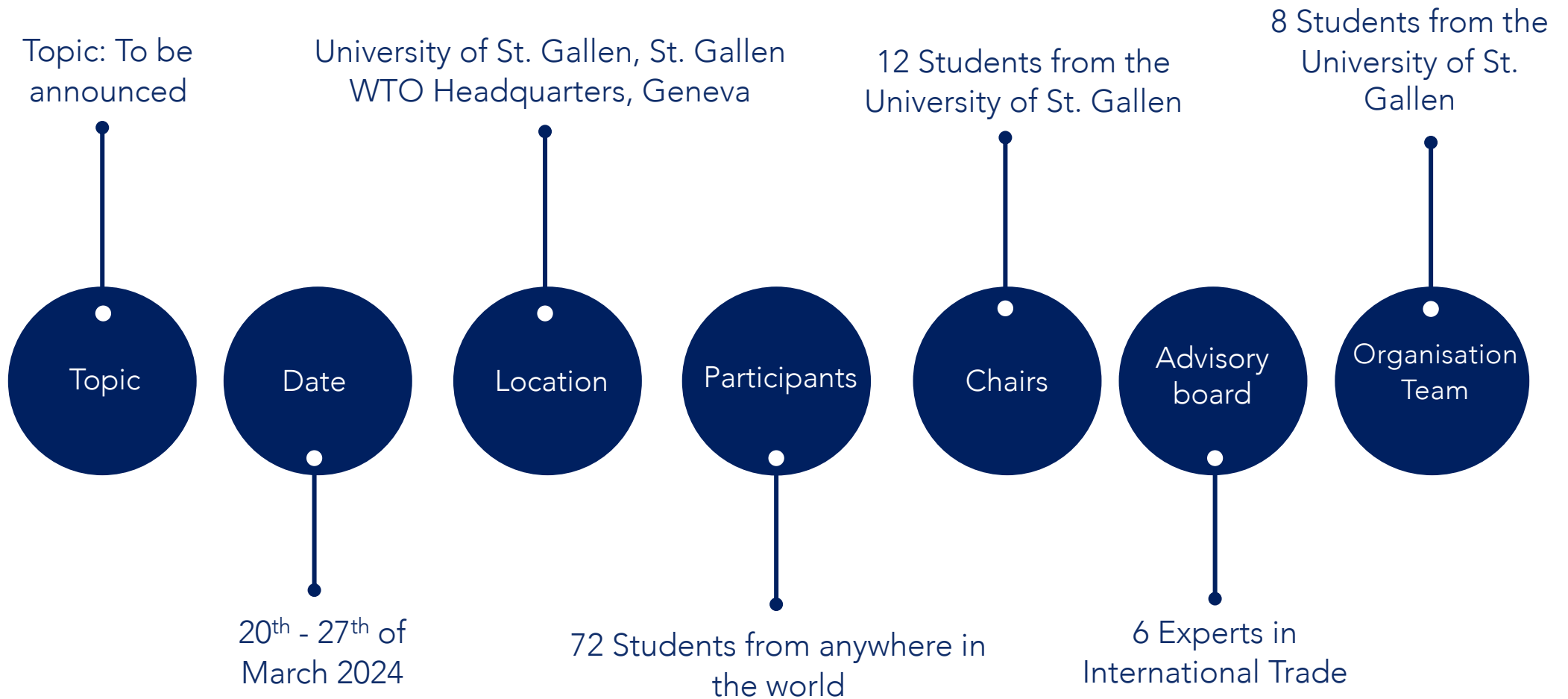
Organization

The upcoming conference will be held from March 20th to 27th, 2024, at the University of St. Gallen and at the WTO headquarters in Geneva.

The event is organized by seven students at the University of St. Gallen who are supported by an advisory board of six experts in international trade to ensure the quality of the simulation. Moreover, the conference will be supervised by a team of 12 students from the University of St. Gallen who will undertake the role of chairs and will actively guide the negotiations.



02 | Outline



03 | Topic

WTO and Subsidies: Navigating Global Trade Dynamics

In this year's Model WTO, we dive into the complex and pivotal theme of subsidies in international trade. Subsidies, whether financial, regulatory, or otherwise, play a critical role in shaping global commerce, influencing competitive dynamics, and impacting socio-economic landscapes worldwide. Our discussions will explore the diverse forms of subsidies, their implications for both developed and developing nations, and the fine balance between fostering domestic growth and adhering to fair trade practices. Central to our debates will be the World Trade Organization's regulations and guidelines, which seek to maintain equilibrium in global markets while allowing room for developmental and environmental considerations.

Committees

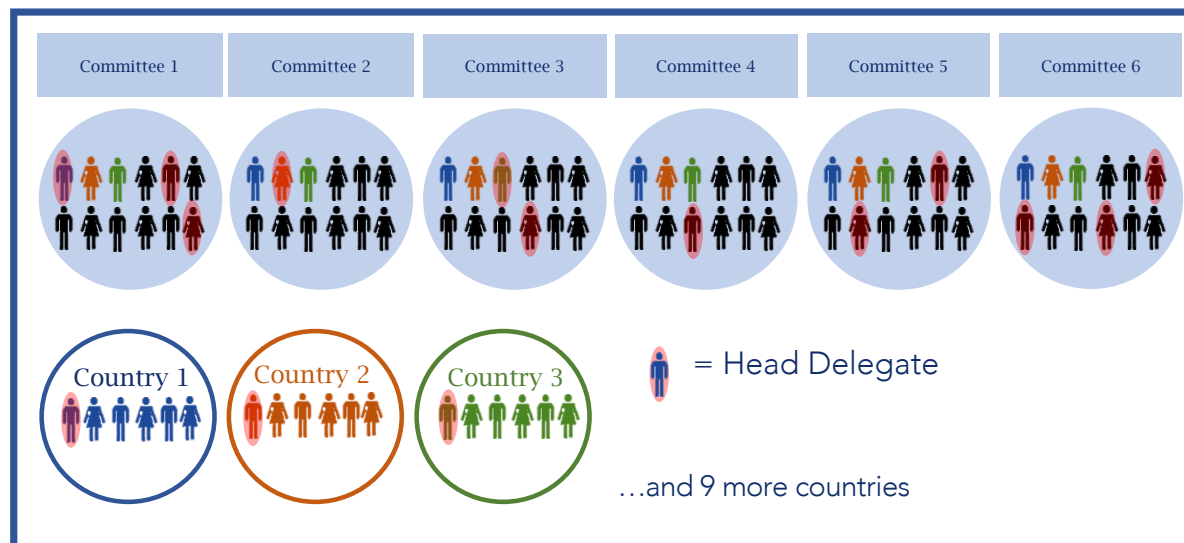
1. Committee on Non-Actionable Subsidies I (Developing Country Flexibilities)
2. Committee on Non-Actionable Subsidies II (R&D Subsidies)
3. Committee on Transparency of Subsidies
4. Committee on Environmentally Beneficial Subsidies
5. Committee on Environmentally Harmful Subsidies
6. Committee on Services Subsidies



04 | Role of Participants

Delegates

The role of the 72 conference participants is to represent one of 12 countries and the country's interests in one of the 6 committees as a delegate. Each committee is composed of one delegate of each of the countries (12 delegates for 12 countries per committee). The delegate's main contribution is made during the negotiations of committee resolutions during which the delegates are to defend the views and interests of the country they represent.



Head Delegates

Each of the 12 countries/delegations is led by one head delegate. Head delegates are responsible for aligning the position of the country/delegation for the conference's debates and negotiations.

Chairs

The role of the chairpersons (12 students at the University of St. Gallen only) is to lead one of the six committees and the negotiation.

- 12 countries with 6 delegates each.
- 6 committees with 12 delegates, each from a different country.
- Every country has one head delegate.
- Each committee has two chairs, some head delegates (not necessarily equally distributed among the 6 committees) and delegates.



05 | Application Process & Financial Aid

Application Process

In the **first round**, applicants will need to submit their **CV** and answer the following two questions regarding their motivation:

1. Why you want to take part in the Model WTO 2024?
2. What situation can you recall that showcased why would be a good fit for the Model WTO conference 2024?

Feel free to add anything else that you want to communicate to us or that you consider to be important.

Please fill out the application form and follow the instructions found on <https://mymun.com/conferences/mwto-2024/> until **December 23th 2023, 23:59 pm (UTC)**.

Financial Aid

Students can apply for financial aid **if needed**. Financial aid will be granted only to students that specifically apply for it.

In order to apply for financial aid, you must: **describe your personal situation in an essay**. You still have to hand in your answers to the motivational questions and your CV.

The deadlines for both applications are the same (see below). Please follow the instructions on <https://mymun.com/conferences/mwto-2024> until **December 23th 2023, 23:59 pm (UTC)**.

The financial aid **only includes the payment of the participation fee**. The flight and other expenses are borne by the participants. Please take this into account when planning your participation. In our decision, we will look at your personal situation, motivation letter and essay.

Applicants that apply for financial aid will be in a **different pot** from those applying regularly. If you apply for financial aid, you cannot apply for the Model WTO regularly, which means **you cannot participate if you're not selected to receive the financial aid**.



06 | Next Steps After Acceptance

After the acceptance of the invitation letter

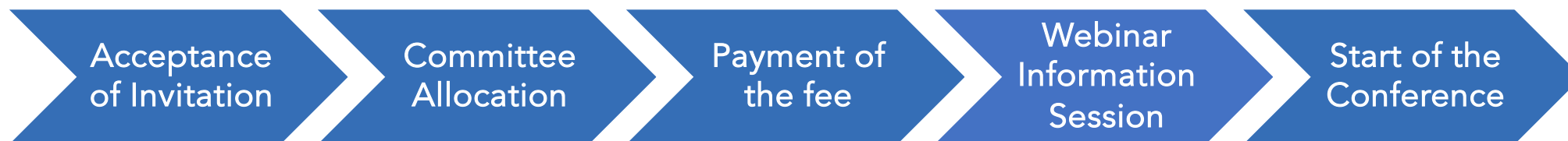
After the acceptance of the Conference Invitation the **72 selected participants** will be asked to provide us with their country/committee preferences, and they will be allocated accordingly. Following the final phase, participants must submit the payment for the **participation fee of CHF 527 within two weeks.**

The participation fee includes accommodation and meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) during the week as well as the activities planned for the conference among other things. Expenses such as plane tickets and personal expenses are to be paid by the participant.

Before the conference, a webinar will be held for all the participants to provide them with the necessary information.

Committees

Delegates will be allocated to one of six committees that will explore issues relating to **the topic chosen for the 27th edition of the Model WTO.** Further updates can be found on our website and on social media.



Dates to be announced.



07 | Testimonials of Previous Participants



"My overall experience with the 2022 edition of Model WTO was great. The event was very well organized which allowed not only for fruitful negotiations but also to network, meet new friends, and experience Swiss culture and gastronomy."

Henrique Caporali – Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná, Curitiba – Participant in 2022



"My experience was outstanding. The best part is, with no surprise, the people. Model WTO manages to create a cohort of students of varied ages, from all university levels, and from a wide variety of backgrounds – cultural and educational. Not only did I learn a lot of Brazil's agricultural policy (my delegation) or farm subsidies (my committee), but I learned a lot from my peers, and made strong friendships."

Myriam Hamadi – Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne – Participant in 2022



"Through the Model WTO, I learned the inner workings of IGOs, honed my negotiation and resolution writing skills, and networked with a diverse group of passionate trade enthusiasts, professionals, and experts.

I received the Best Delegate Award for my performance throughout the simulation, which entitles me to a tuition fee waiver for one course at the World Trade Institute (WTI) in Bern. I look forward to leveraging these new experiences and skillsets in my professional endeavours as a consultant within the Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment (MTI) Global Practice at the World Bank."

Yohendran Nadar Arulthevan – Institute for Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Kuala Lumpur – Participant in 2022



"Model WTO is one remarkable experience. Nothing compares to a feeling that you get as you take a seat at the negotiations table, slowly run your eyes across the room and catch nothing but the present and future's greatest minds, connected by one aim: To cultivate and device pathways in which to reduce obstacles in international trade. It was through Model WTO that I had an opportunity to visit Europe, for the first time! Apart from the knowledge and skills I acquired from the simulation, what remains a treasure to me till this day is friendships that I established, both in my personal and professional capacity."

Joalane Lemao – LLB , National University of Lesotho – Participant in 2022



08 | Previous Editions



09 | Our Advisory Board



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10 | Organisation Committee



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