



MODEL WTO 2025



28th Edition





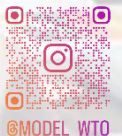
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Participant's Brochure

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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. Every year since 1997, leaders of tomorrow from across the globe are 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.

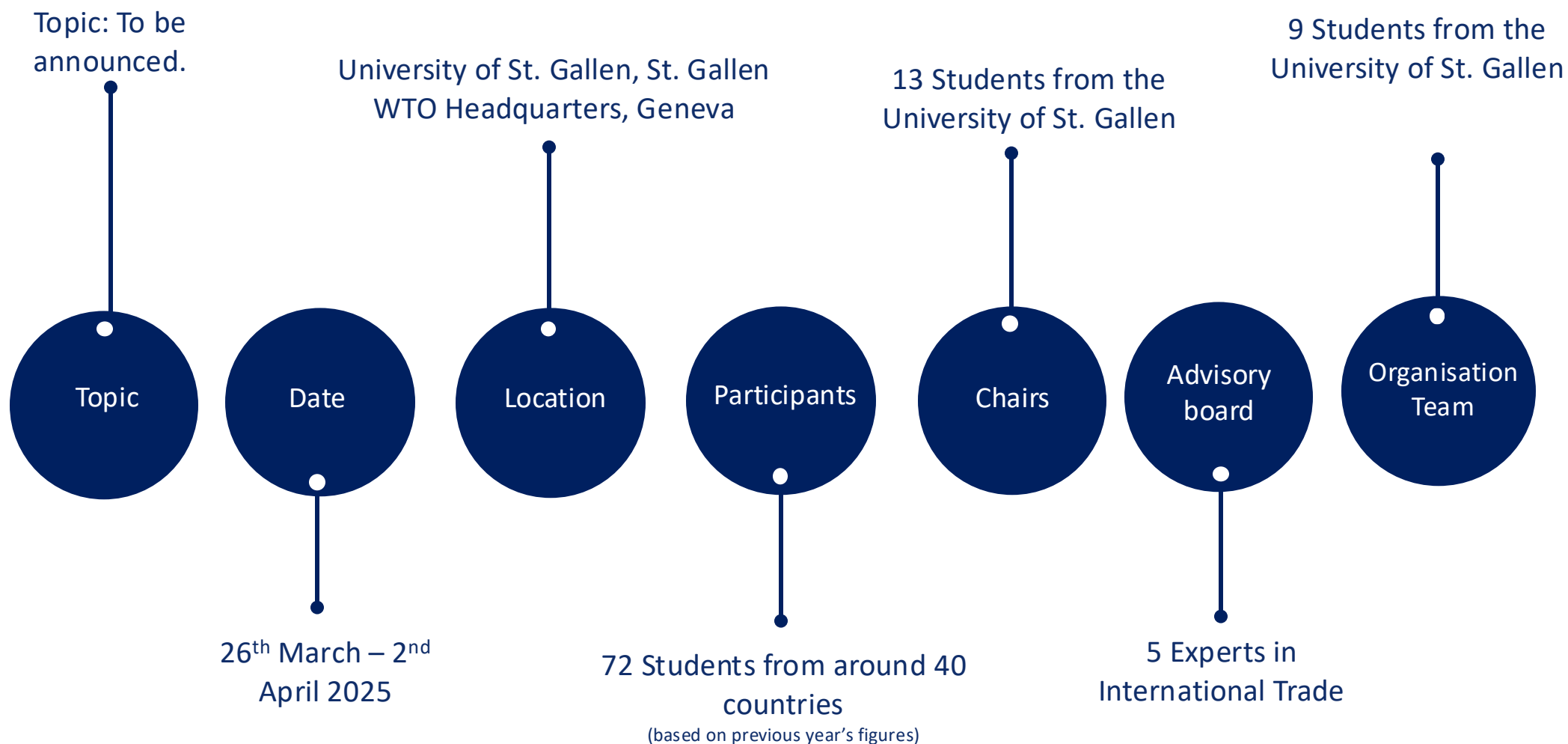
Organization

The upcoming conference will be held from March 26th to April 2nd, 2025, at the University of St. Gallen and at the WTO headquarters in Geneva.

The event is organized by nine students at the University of St. Gallen who are supported by an advisory board of five experts in international trade and two former presidents of Model WTO to ensure the quality of the simulation. Moreover, the conference will be supervised by a team of 13 students from the University of St. Gallen who will undertake the role of chairs and will actively guide the negotiations.



02 | Outline



03 | Role of Participants

Delegates

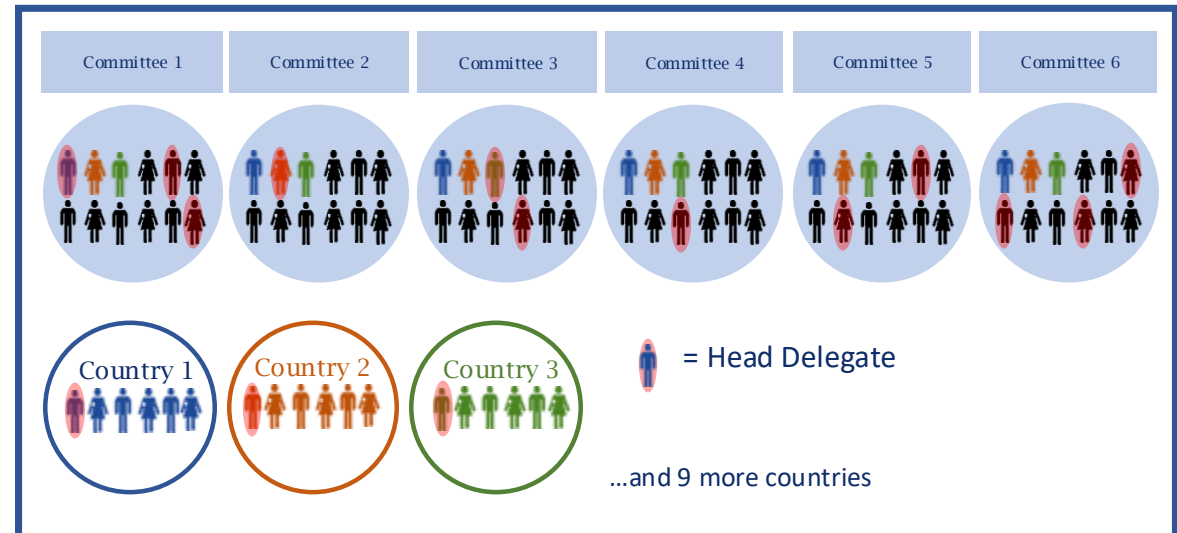
The role of the 72 conference participants is to represent one of 12 countries and the country's interests in one of the 6 committees as a delegate. Each committee is composed of one delegate of each of the countries (12 delegates for 12 countries per committee). The delegate's main contribution is made 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. Applications for head delegate will open at a later stage – details to follow.

Chairs

The role of the chairpersons (13 students from the University of St. Gallen) 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.



04 | Application Process

In the **first round**, applicants will need to submit their **CV** along with a **short motivation letter**. In the motivation letter, the following three questions have to be answered:

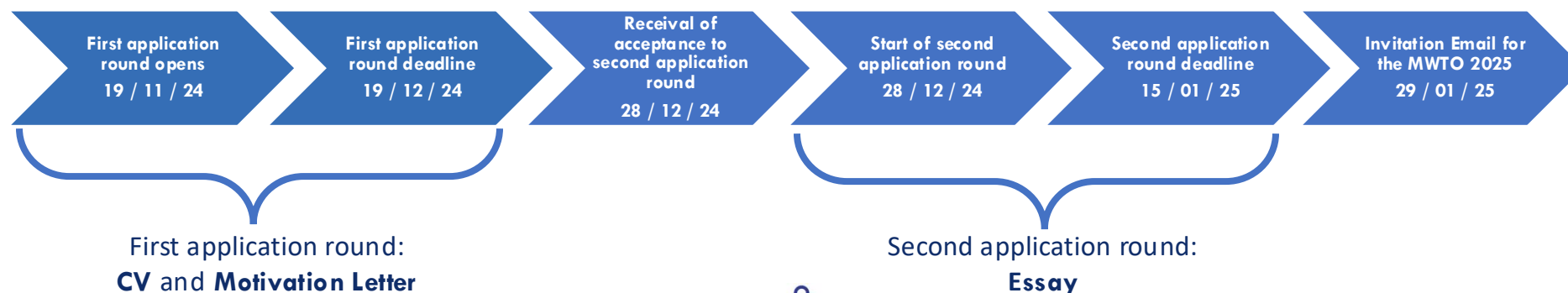
- 1) Why do you want to participate in the Model WTO 2025?
- 2) What makes you a good candidate for the negotiations?
- 3) How do you think participation in the Model WTO 2025 will help you in your studies or career?

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://www.model-wto.org/participant> until **19th December 2024, 11:59 pm (GMT+1)**.

In the **second round** of application, the remaining participants may be asked to write an **essay** and send it to **application@model-wto.org until January 15th, 2025, 11:59pm (GMT+1)**.

The topic of the essay is to be released.



05 | 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 fee¹ within two weeks.**

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

Committees
















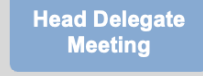


















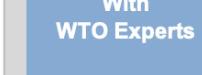





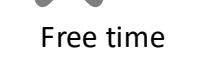
Delegates will be allocated to one of six committees that will explore issues relating to **the topic chosen for the 28th edition of the Model WTO.** Further updates can be found on our website and on social media.



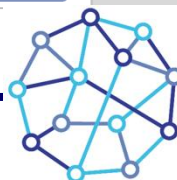
¹ Please refer to slide 7 for further details on the participation pricing packages.



06 | Provisional Week Outline

Wednesday March 26 th	Thursday March 27 th	Friday March 28 th	Saturday March 29 th	Sunday March 30 th	Monday March 31 st	Tuesday April 1 st	Wednesday April 2 nd
<p>Arrival in St. Gallen</p>  <p>Meet your host</p> 	 <p>Opening Ceremony</p>  <p>Team Building</p>  <p>Agenda Setting</p>   <p>Head Delegate Meeting</p>   	 <p>Input Session</p>    <p>Head Delegate Meeting</p>   	   <p>Head Delegate Meeting</p>   	 <p>Transfer to Geneva</p>   <p>Sightseeing</p>  	 <p>IHEID Session</p>  <p>Visit to Missions</p>  	 <p>Feedback Session With WTO Experts</p>  <p>Closing Ceremony</p>    	<p>Departure</p>  <p>Free time</p>  <p>Debating</p> 

Please be advised that this schedule is subject to change.



07 | Participation packages

Light	Standard	Premium SG	Premium GV	All-In
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the part of the conference in St. Gallen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of "Light" • Access to the part of the conference in Geneva • Train ticket to Geneva • Visit to the WTO and the UN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to the Missions of the Countries you represent • Access to the closing ceremony in the WTO in Geneva • Lunch and Dinner throughout the entire week² • MWTO-Hoodie • Participation certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of "Standard" • Accommodation in St. Gallen or in the apartment of a HSG student³ • Breakfast during the St. Gallen part • Public transport ticket for St. Gallen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of "Standard" • Accommodation in Geneva in the Geneva Youth Hostel • Breakfast during the Geneva part • Public transport ticket for the Geneva part 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of "Standard", "Premium SG" and "Premium GV"
CHF 0	CHF 219 ¹	CHF 319 ¹	CHF 359 ¹	CHF 559 ¹

¹ As a non-profit organization, we assure you that all contributions are solely to cover costs, often subsidized further through sponsor funding.

² Due to logistical constraints, we may not be able to provide meals on every day of the event. Final details will be outlined in the Conference Guide.

³ You are welcome to indicate a preference for accommodation, either in the hostel or with an HSG student. However, the final allocation will be determined by the MWTO organising committee. Please note that accommodation cannot be guaranteed – however, our ongoing support is guaranteed, and the price will be reduced in the unlikely case that accommodation cannot be provided.



08 | 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



09 | Previous Editions



10 | Prizes for Best Participants



Prizes for Best Delegates

As partner of the Model WTO, the WTI offers a tuition fee waiver for one week in a future WTI Winter or Summer Academy for the 6 best delegates, each worth CHF 1,200.

Based on a multitude of criteria, WTO Experts, the Chairs and your fellow participants will evaluate your performance and the performance of your delegate colleagues during the event.

Your arguments and your strategy will be taken into consideration for your evaluation. Equally important, is how you involve other countries, and if you made relevant attempts to construct a consensus. It is a team event, so if you want to win, you need to make sure that your delegates in the other committees do well collectively.

Further information regarding the prizes will be announced in due course.



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Dr. Theresa Carpenter

Former Executive Director of the Graduate Institute's Centre for Trade and Economic Integration. Post-doc Researcher in Economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.



Dr. Reto Malacrida

Counsellor and Head of the Government Procurement and Competition Policy Group. Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division of the World Trade Organization.



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Former President of Model WTO
2023



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Former President of Model WTO
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Interested in being part of
the Model WTO event 2025?

We are looking forward to
your applications!

For further questions, do not hesitate to
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