



# HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

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# IN-TADR

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR TRADE  
ADVOCACY, DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH

*A Global Platform for  
Trade-Related Technical Assistance,  
Capacity-Building, and Policy-Relevant  
Research*

*Steered by*

**Centre for WTO & WIPO Studies**

**SCHOOL OF LAW & TECHNOLOGY**



## CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

The multilateral trading system is confronting increasingly complex and interlinked challenges, including the digitalisation of trade, climate-related measures, supply-chain reconfiguration, the revival of industrial policy, and persistent development asymmetries. For many developing and least developed countries, effective engagement with these issues is constrained by capacity gaps, limited access to policy-relevant research, and uneven integration between academic expertise and trade policymaking processes.

In line with the objectives of WTO technical assistance and capacity-building programmes, there is a growing need for institutional platforms that support:

- Evidence-based policy engagement
- Skills and knowledge transfer
- Inclusive participation of developing-country stakeholders
- Sustainable institutional capacity beyond ad hoc interventions

**IN-TADR** responds to this need by offering a structured, research-driven, and development-oriented global network.

## GENESIS

The International Network for Trade, Advocacy, Development and Research (IN-TADR) was conceptualised and formally launched on 6 February 2026 at the One-Day Pre-Summit International Colloquium on “Global Trade Careers, the WTO’s 30-Year Legacy, and Future Pathways.”

The initiative is led by the Centre for WTO & WIPO Studies, School of Law & Technology, Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU), Raipur, and reflects a commitment to advancing trade-related technical assistance, research collaboration, and capacity development, particularly for developing and emerging economies.

## VISION

To serve as a globally recognised, development-oriented platform supporting inclusive participation in international trade governance through research excellence, capacity-building, and policy dialogue.

## CORE OBJECTIVES

IN-TADR seeks to complement and reinforce WTO-aligned assistance efforts by:

- Strengthening institutional and human capacity in international trade law and policy
- Supporting policy-relevant and development-focused research
- Facilitating knowledge transfer and skills development for policymakers, academics, and practitioners
- Promoting youth and early-career engagement, with particular emphasis on developing countries
- Encouraging informed, evidence-based policy dialogue and advocacy

## STRATEGIC PILLARS

### 1. Trade-Related Capacity-Building and Training

- Short-term and long-term training programmes in trade law and policy
- Executive and practitioner-focused courses
- WTO-consistent pedagogical approaches
- Focus on developing and least developed country participants

### 2. Research and Knowledge Production

- Collaborative research projects and policy briefs
- Applied research supporting trade negotiations and implementation
- Dissemination of findings through open-access platforms

### 3. Policy Dialogue and Advocacy

- Structured dialogues among governments, international organisations, and industry
- Forums addressing emerging trade issues and systemic challenges
- Evidence-based contributions to policy processes

### 4. Industry and Government Engagement

- Public–private dialogue on trade implementation challenges
- Engagement with regulators, trade officials, and industry stakeholders

## 5. Youth and Early-Career Development

- Mentorship programmes
- Research fellowships and training opportunities
- Career pathways in trade policy and governance

### TARGET BENEFICIARIES

- Trade officials and policymakers
  - Academics and researchers
  - Early-career professionals and students
  - Industry stakeholders
  - Civil society organisations working on trade and development
- Particular emphasis is placed on participants from developing and least developed countries, consistent with WTO capacity-building priorities.

### MEMBERSHIP MODEL

IN-TADR operates as a non-profit, pro bono, and inclusive network.

#### *Institutional Membership*

Open to:

- Universities and law schools
- Research institutions and think tanks
- Law firms and policy organisations
- Civil society organisations engaged in trade and development



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<https://forms.gle/CCR1TDxqHHv1cSck7>

#### *Individual Membership*

Open to:

- Academics, policymakers, and practitioners
- Researchers and early-career professionals
- Students with demonstrated interest in trade & development



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## VALUE PROPOSITION FOR DONORS & PARTNERS

IN-TADR offers donor agencies and partners:

- A cost-effective platform for sustainable capacity-building
- Strong alignment with WTO technical assistance objectives
- Emphasis on institutional sustainability rather than one-off interventions
- Measurable outputs: training programmes, research publications, policy dialogues
- Scalable partnerships across regions and disciplines

## GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE

### Academic Advisory Board

- Comprising internationally recognised experts in trade law, economics, and development
- Chaired by the Director, School of Law & Technology, HNLU Raipur

### Secretariat

- Responsible for programme implementation and coordination
- Led by the Head, Centre for WTO & WIPO Studies, HNLU Raipur

## LOOKING AHEAD

IN-TADR seeks to collaborate with:

- International organisations
- Development agencies and donor institutions
- Governments and trade ministries
- Academic and research institutions
- Through these partnerships, the network aims to contribute to a more inclusive, predictable, and development-responsive global trading system.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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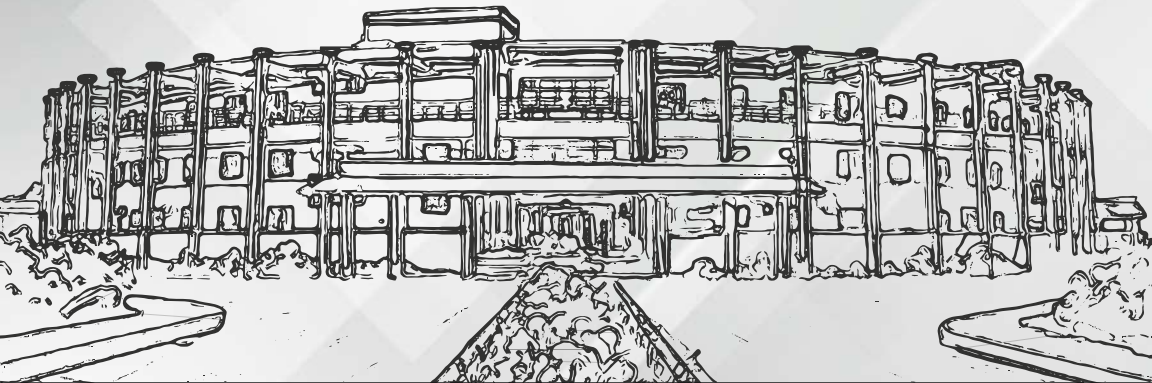
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