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The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO congratulates the Institute for Leadership Development on the launch of the World Trade University and commends the efforts of its creators to widen access to high-quality, practical and experience-based learning for exporters, importers and trade policy-makers in the developing world. We hope that WTU will rapidly take its place on the world stage as a renowned centre of learning for individuals from developing countries.

Over the years, ITC has built a global network of trade capacity-building partner organizations, and of training and information resources. This network aims at responding to the enormous demand from developing country institutions and enterprises for stronger trade support services, better knowledge and technical skills and an improved understanding of international trade rules. We see the WTU activities as complementary with those of ITC and we look forward to collaborating with it in international trade training as well as to the opportunity to participate in projected World Trade Forum events.

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