## GTAP-related activities within the WTO

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- The WTO has organised, jointly with UNCTAD and ITC, this year's GTAP conference. This has involved significant work, especially for the, logistics.
- WTO has also organised, jointly with UNCTAD and ITC, a Special Session on NTMs
- WTO Staff has also contributed to this year's GTAP conference by presenting three papers. These are:

Fontagné, L., Orefice, G., R. Piermartini and N. Rocha (2012) "Product standards and margins of trade: Firm level evidence", GTAP conference draft available

Orefice, G., R. Piermartini and N. Rocha (2012) "Harmonization and mutual recognition: What are the effects on trade?" GTAP conference draft available

Beverelli, C., G. Orefice and N. Rocha (2012) "Offshoring and Migration in a World with Policy Spillovers" GTAP conference draft available

- In addition, with the view of diffusing an understanding of modelling techniques and data requirements for models, the WTO has published, jointly with UNCTAD, a Practical Guide to Trade Policy Modelling. The book will be launched in Geneva on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June.
- WTO is developing an integrated database of all NTMs measures subject to notifications at WTO. The database is called i-TAP. Participants at the GTAP conference will be offered the possibility to learn how to access the database.