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Global Trade & Services Committee



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MESSAGE FROM COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Dear Professional Colleagues,

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”— Warren Bennis

India is steadily advancing its position as a global hub for professional and financial services, driven by its strong talent pool, robust regulatory framework, and growing international engagement. In this evolving landscape, we are pleased to share our vision and priorities as the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Global Trade & Services Committee of ICAI.

The Committee carries a significant mandate—to strengthen India’s footprint in global trade in professional and financial services while expanding international opportunities for Indian Chartered Accountants. As the global economy becomes increasingly interconnected, the role of our profession is more critical than ever in fostering trust, transparency, and sustainable growth.

Our key focus areas include advancing global professional mobility, ensuring international recognition of Indian qualifications, and advocating progressive policies in trade in services. We are committed to building deeper engagement with governments, industry bodies, and global institutions to create meaningful pathways for our members on the international stage.

We also envision expanding India’s global orbit by actively promoting Indian professional expertise across emerging and developed markets, enabling Chartered Accountants to contribute meaningfully to cross-border value creation and global economic development.

Another key priority will be to provide structured and research-driven inputs to the Government of India on Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), particularly in the area of trade in services, to ensure that the interests and mobility of Indian professionals are effectively represented and strengthened.

A major thrust area will also be supporting the growth of Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in India. By leveraging our expertise and promoting a conducive ecosystem, we aim to position India as a leading destination for globally delivered professional services.

Through strategic initiatives such as international collaborations, participation in global forums, capacity-building programmes, and active engagement with embassies and trade bodies, the Committee will work towards enhancing India’s leadership in the global services economy.

We look forward to collaborating closely with all stakeholders to realize our shared vision—positioning Indian Chartered Accountants as trusted global partners in finance, governance, and economic leadership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 38th Global Udaan webinar series on 10th April, 2026
- Stakeholders Synergy Meet on 16th and 17th April, 2026 at COE of ICAI, Kolkata.
- Online AI Rikai Japanese language course from 18th April 2026.
- ICAI Members’ Delegation Visit to GIFT City–IFSCA on 30th April 2026.
- Global summit at Gift city on 1st and 2nd May, 2026.
- ICAI members’ delegation to London (UK) from 13th to 15th May, 2026.
- 4th Edition of ITEC training program at COE Hyderabad from 18th to 29th May, 2026.
- 3rd batch of the Certificate Course on Overseas Outsourcing Services (UK Jurisdiction) in May 2026.
- 2 batches of online Spanish Language Course from May, 2026.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ISSUED BY COMMITTEE

Faculty for Certificate Course on Overseas Outsourcing Services - Canadian Jurisdiction.



SURVEY

Survey for seeking reference for learning a foreign language through virtual mode from ICAI Members & Students.

<https://www.icaai.org/post/wto-online-language-courses>



COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

Foreign Languages

19
NO. OF
CANDIDATES

ONLINE SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSE
AI LEVEL – 2 BATCHES

17th Jan 2026 to
7th March, 2026

Institute: Instituto Cervantes

25
NO. OF
CANDIDATES

ONLINE JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSE
AI KATSUDOO LEVEL

7th February to
7th June, 2026

Institute: Japan Foundation

42
NO. OF
CANDIDATES

ONLINE BUSINESS ENGLISH
LANGUAGE COURSE

25th March to
29th July, 2026

Institute: British Council

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIONS/ MEETINGS

- ◆ ICAI Inputs on Follow up: Chintan Shivr on Professional Services-reg. regarding Online foreign language courses.
- ◆ Inputs on issues related to India's trade in services with Maldives.
- ◆ ICAI inputs on establishment of ICAI Chapters abroad and guidelines/SOP for their formation – discussed in Chintan Shivr on Professional Services.
- ◆ India- Africa Forum Summit IV- Services Trade: Professional Bodies.
- ◆ 7th JTC with Egypt- Services Trade: Professional Bodies.
- ◆ Update regarding JC meeting with Japan - reg.
- ◆ Trade in Services between India and Japan - reg.
- ◆ Inputs on Key Events for India's BRICS Presidency 2026.
- ◆ Joint Trade Committee Meetings with Kenya and Tanzania.

ICAI members' delegation to London (UK)
from 13th to 15th May, 2026



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Expression of Interest for ICAI Delegation to London (UK)

13th to 15th May, 2026 (Wednesday to Friday)

Financing: Self-Financing Basis

Key Benefits of the ICAI Delegation Visit

- **Global Networking Opportunities:** Interact with leading international accounting professionals, firms, and industry stakeholders.
- **Accountant London Participation:** Exclusive visit to ICAI Stall No. 1830 at Accountex London, one of the premier accounting and finance exhibitions.
- **Engagement with Indian Mission in UK:** Visit to the High Commission of India to discuss business facilitation, professional mobility and support mechanisms including the concept of a Global CA Passport.
- **Insights on India-UK FTA:** Gain in-hand understanding of emerging opportunities for accounting professionals arising from the India-UK Free Trade Agreement.
- **Global Knowledge Exchange:** Participation in a Global Summit organized with the support of the ICAI UK (London) Chapter, featuring panel discussions, thought leadership sessions, and cross border collaboration.
- **Professional Pathways & Mobility:** Interaction with Professional Accountancy Organizations (PAOs) to explore mutual recognition opportunities, international pathways, and career mobility.
- **Exposure to International Practices:** Understand global best practices in Global capability centres, accounting, auditing, taxation, and advisory services.
- **Business Development Opportunities:** Explore potential collaborations with UK based firms, startups, and consulting organisations.
- **Brand Building & Representation:** Represent ICAI on a global platform and enhance professional visibility in the international arena.
- **Peer Learning & Collaboration:** Engage with fellow ICAI members as part of a focused delegation, fostering knowledge sharing and long term professional relationships.

An opportunity to visit ICAI Stall No. 1830 at Accountex London

Last Date for filing EOI: 10th April, 2026

Limited Seats: 25 ICAI Members

Shortlisting will be at the discretion of the Global Trade & Services (GTS) Committee Leadership.

Scan the QR code to fill Expression of Interest

Link for Expression of Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/5xvCBL19Ap85Wdx7>

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Chairman of GTS Committee CA. Sanjib Sanghi attended KDEM Annual meet on 17th March, 2026 at Radisson Blu Hotel, Atria, Bengaluru



CERTIFICATE COURSE ON OVERSEAS OUTSOURCING SERVICES

Successfully completed 10 batches of the Certificate Course on Overseas Outsourcing Services (US Jurisdiction), trained 1,300+ members and 11th batch started on 19th March in which more than 140 members joined this course.

Completed 2 batches of the Certificate Course on UK Outsourcing Services, benefiting around 200 members.

Completed 1st batch of the Certificate Course on Australian Outsourcing Services, benefiting around 155 members.



- Chairman, GTS Committee, CA. Sanjib Sanghi, participated as a panellist at the Talent Vista Summit 2026, “Shaping Global Talent for India and the World,” held on 19th March 2026 at GIFT City Club, GIFT City. He contributed to the panel discussion on the theme “Tri-City Knowledge Corridor (Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, and GIFT City): Nurturing Talent Development for New-Age Career Opportunities.”



- Meeting with Dr. Puneet Gupta, President, IFI at the IFSCA Talent Summit on 19th March 2026 and further virtual meet on 23rd March, 2026 for collaboration and professional opportunity for members.
- Meeting with Shri Goutham S, Deputy General Manager, International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), GIFT City, Gandhinagar, India on 19th March 2026



- GLOBAL UDAAN Series: The Global Udaan webinar is conducted regularly, featuring eminent dignitaries and domain experts. The series aims to broaden members' global perspectives and enhance awareness of emerging opportunities. So far, 37 insightful sessions have been delivered on a wide range of relevant themes.

- Global Capability Centres (GCCs) Summit: From Ledgers to Global Leadership

- 7th Edition of GCC Summit held on 9th February, 2026 at COE of ICAI, Kolkata



For details/ suggestions write to the Secretariat, Global Trade & Services Committee at global@icai.in

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