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# MANAGING THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE: WHAT CAN BE LEARNED FOR MODE 4 OF THE GATS?

#### 4-5 October 2004, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva

# ANNOTATED AGENDA

4 OCTOBER: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM EXISTING SCHEMES FOR MANAGING THE MOVEMENT AND TEMPORARY STAY OF FOREIGN WORKERS THAT IS RELEVANT FOR MODE 4 OF THE GATS?		
09.00-10.00	Registration	
10.00-10.10	Welcome Remarks: Brunson McKinley, IOM Director General	
	Objectives and structure of the meeting: Aaditya Mattoo, World Bank, Lead Economist	
10.10-11.00	Session I: Trade and Migration Contexts: Setting the Scene	
	CHAIR: LAKSHMI PURI, DIRECTOR, DIVISION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES, AND COMMODITIES, UNCTAD	
	TRADE: UPDATE ON MODE 4: Hamid Mamdouh, WTO Secretariat, Director, Trade in Services.	
	Brief presentation on the state of play in GATS Mode 4 negotiations, including on offers submitted thus far and the main issues of discussion in the negotiations.	
	MIGRATION: MANAGING MOVEMENT AND TEMPORARY STAY OF LABOUR MIGRANTS: POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION, Gervais Appave, IOM, Director, Migration Policy and Research What are the principal policy considerations for countries of origin and destination with respect to managing movement and temporary stay? What are the principal administrative mechanisms necessary to facilitate and manage temporary labour migration, and what relevance do these have for GATS mode 4, including visas, work permits, skills recognition, etc.?	
	Discussion	
11.00-13.00	<u>Session II:</u> National Level Unilateral Approaches to Managing Movement and Temporary Stay of Workers	
	What approaches have countries taken at the national level to manage unilaterally the movement and temporary stay of workers? What has been their purpose and what types of movement (e.g., skill level, sector, duration of stay and type of contractual arrangements) do they cover and how does this compare with bilateral, regional and multilateral mechanisms, including GATS mode 4? What have been the strengths and weaknesses of these initiatives? What lessons can we learn?	
	CHAIR: G. JOSEPH, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS, SOUTH AFRICA	

	INTRODUCTION: FRANK LACZKO, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
	CASE STUDIES:
	PHILIPPINES: Danilo P. Cruz, Under Secretary for Employment, Department of Labor and Employment
	BAHRAIN: Ausamah Al-Absi, <i>Director of Employment, Ministry of Labour &amp; Social</i> Affairs
	UNITED KINGDOM: Lesley Maundrell, <i>Policy Development Manager, Home Office,</i> <i>Work Permits (UK), Policy Team</i>
	Discussion
13.00-15.00	Lunch
15.00-17.00	Session III: Bilateral Approaches to Managing the Movement and Temporary Stay of Workers
	How are bilateral agreements for managing temporary labour migration designed? What kinds of agreements exist? How do they address labour market and administrative issues, and what lessons can we learn, including for mode 4? What have been the strengths and weaknesses of such agreements? What has been their purpose and what types of movement (e.g., skill level, sector, duration of stay and type of contractual arrangements) do they cover and how does this compare with GATS mode 4? What have been the strengths and weaknesses of these initiatives? What lessons can we learn?
	CHAIR: IRENA OMELANIUK, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, WORLD MIGRATION 2005
	INTRODUCTION: GEORGES LEMAITRE, PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATOR, DIRECTORATE FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (DELSA), OECD
	CASE STUDIES
	HISPANO-ECUATORIANO BILATERAL LABOUR AGREEMENT: Victoria Galvani, Jefe de Coordinación, Subdirección Gral. de Régimen Jurídico, Dirección Gral de Inmigración Secretaría de Estado de Inmigración y Emigración, Ministerio de Trabajo y Asuntos Sociales
	CANADIAN SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKER PROGRAM: Elizabeth Ruddick, Director, Strategic Research and Statistics; Priorities, Planning and Research Branch, Citizenship and Immigration Canada
	DISCUSSANTS:
	Veronica Robinson, Deputy Director, Manpower Services (Work Permits, Local Employment and Overseas Migration Programme), Ministry of Labour and Social Security, JAMAICA
	Dr. Torsten Christen, Deputy Head of Division, Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour, GERMANY
	Discussion

17.00-18.00	<u>Session IV:</u> Regional Arrangements for Managing the Movement and Temporary Stay of Workers
	How do regional trade agreements and other regional arrangements for managing temporary labour migration actually work? What kinds of agreements exist? What has been their purpose and what types of movement (e.g., skill level, sector, duration of stay and type of contractual arrangements) do they cover and how does this compare with GATS mode 4? What have been their strengths and weaknesses? What lessons can we learn, including for mode 4?
	CHAIR: CARLOS PRIMO BRAGA, SENIOR ADVISER, WORLD BANK
	INTRODUCTION: JULIA NIELSON, TRADE DIRECTORATE, OECD
	CASE STUDIES
	<b>APEC BUSINESS TRAVEL CARD: David Watt, Department of Immigration,</b> <b>Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Australia</b> What exactly does it provide, how does it work, and what lessons can we draw from it for mode 4?
	<b>NAFTA Luz María Servín Sotres, Director for International Affairs,</b> <i>Ministry of the Interior, National Migration Institute, Mexico</i> <i>How does NAFTA cover temporary labour movement, how does it work, and what</i> <i>lessons can we draw from it for Mode 4?</i>
	DISCUSSANT: Johannes Benjamin R. Bernabe, <i>Labour Attaché</i> , <i>Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations Office in Geneva</i>
	Discussion
18:30 - 20:00	<u><b>Reception Hosted by the World Bank:</b></u> World Meteorological Organization
	WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM EXISTING SCHEMES FOR MANAGING THE MOVEMENT AND TAY OF FOREIGN WORKERS THAT IS RELEVANT FOR MODE 4 OF THE GATS?
10.00-11.00	<b><u>Session IV</u>:</b> Regional Arrangements for Managing the Movement and Temporary Stay of Workers ( <i>Continued</i> )
11.00 - 13.00	Session V: National Implementation of International Obligations
	How do states implement at the national level the international trade obligations they undertake at the regional and multilateral level with respect to movement of persons?
	CHAIR: ALEJANDRO JARA, AMBASSADOR OF CHILE TO THE WTO AND CHAIR OF THE SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS
	INTRODUCTION: CARLO GAMBERALE, TRADE IN SERVICES, WTO
	CASE STUDIES
	<b>MEXICO:</b> Luz Maria Servin Sotres, <i>Director for International Affairs, Ministry of the Interior, National Migration Institute</i>

	CANADA: Paul Henry, <i>Trade Policy Adviser, Citizenship and Immigration Canada</i> COLOMBIA: Adriana Suarez, <i>Consejera Comercial, permament Mission of</i> <i>Colombia, in Geneva</i>
	DISCUSSANT: Sumanta Chaudhuri, India, WTO Mission
	Discussion
13.00 - 15.00	Lunch
15.00-16.00	Session VI: A View from the Constituents
	CHAIR: PIYASIRI WICKRAMASEKARA, SENIOR MIGRATION SPECIALIST, International Migration Branch International Labour Office
	EMPLOYER: Ellen Yost, Partner, Fragomen, Global Corporate Immigration Law Firm
	What are the practical impediments to moving highly-skilled and other temporary workers? What is the actual experience?
	UNION: Mike Waghorne, Public Services International
	What are the concerns of trade unions and how can these be addressed in managed approaches to the movement of temporary workers? (e.g. social security, human rights protection, etc.)
	Discussion
16.00-17.30	Session VII: Where do we go from here? Implications for Mode 4
	CHAIR: HAMID MAMDOUH, WTO, DIRECTOR, TRADE IN SERVICES
	INTRODUCTION: AADITYA MATTOO, WORLD BANK, LEAD ECONOMIST:
	Synopsis of the seminar discussions and focus on key questions from here
	Anya Oram, Administrator, Directorate General Trade, European Commission
	Ambassador Sergio Marchi, Former Canadian WTO Representative and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada; Commissioner, Global Commission on International Migration
	Ambassador Chandrasekhar, Permanent Representative of India to the WTO
	Discussion
17.30-18.00	Closing Remarks - IOM
18.00	End of Day Two