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 INTERSESSIONAL WORKSHOP ON

**FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS  
 IN REGIONAL INTEGRATION PROCESSES**

18 -19 June 2007

AGENDA

*Regional integration agreements vary significantly, including with respect to their objectives, elements covered, depth of integration, institutional structure and legal basis. Likewise, liberalization of the movement of persons within the framework of these agreements also varies significantly. Liberalization of mobility may be either a primary or secondary element of the agreement. In addition, the overall objectives of the regional agreement impact the extent to which the movement of people is liberalized and how the movement of people is addressed and implemented. While recognizing that various regional agreements have different objectives – both generally and with respect to the movement of persons – exchange of experiences between different regions can provide useful insights and help to identify effective tools for managing the movement of people.*

<b>18 June 2007 DAY I</b>	
09:00 – 10:00	<i>Registration</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>WELCOME REMARKS, Supachai Panitchpakdi</b> , Secretary General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
10:30 – 11:00	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH, Gollerkeri Gurucharan</b> , Joint Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
11:00 – 13:00	<b>Panel 1: Movement of People within Regional Integration Agreements</b>
	<p><b>SPEAKERS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) and other regional integration agreements</i>  <b>Richard S. Newfarmer</b>, Economic Advisor in the International Trade Department and Prospects Group of the World Bank</li> <li>• <i>The place of the movement of persons within regional integration agreements</i>  <b>Michele Klein Solomon</b>, Director, Migration Policy, Research and Communications, IOM</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What are the differing purposes and goals of the various regional integration agreements?</li> <li>➤ What are the key motivations and objectives for including mobility clauses in regional integration agreements (e.g. managing the impact of the regional agreement on future migration flows, addressing migration issues such as access of migrants to labour markets and managing irregular migration, etc.)?</li> <li>➤ What are the primary tools which are employed to achieve these motivations and objectives?</li> <li>➤ What types of mobility can be facilitated (e.g. labour mobility, service provision, tourism, business visits, etc.)?</li> </ul> <p><b>GENERAL DISCUSSION</b></p>
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
15:00 – 18:00	<b>Panel 2: Regulating Entry – Lessons Learned</b>
	<p><b>MODERATOR: Ellen Yost</b>, Partner, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen &amp; Loewy, LLP (Global Corporate Immigration Law Firm)</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b></p> <p><b>ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES: N’Faly Sanoh</b>, Principal Programme Officer, Political Affairs, ECOWAS</p> <p><b>NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT: Guillermo Malpica</b>, Economic Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the World Trade Organization</p> <p><b>ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSINESS TRAVEL CARD: Jane Duke</b>, Counsellor, Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What are the objectives of the regional integration agreement with respect to regulating the entry of persons?</li> <li>➤ Which measures are used to facilitate entry (e.g. visa-free arrangements, expedited procedures, multiple-entry visas, guaranteed eligibility for certain types of visas, etc.)?</li> <li>➤ Which categories of people have their admission facilitated (e.g. remunerated and non-remunerated persons such as tourists, students, family members, retirees, persons receiving services, business visitors, skilled workers, entertainment and media professionals, service providers, border/frontier residents, etc.)?</li> <li>➤ Is the facilitated entry of a permanent or temporary nature? Where temporary, which activities are the entry linked to, if any (e.g. investment, business visits, trade in goods/services)?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recognizing that other regional agreements may have different objectives, what can other regions learn from the experience of these regional integration agreements for regulating the entry of persons?</li> </ul> <p><b>GENERAL DISCUSSION</b></p>
	<i>End of Day One</i>
<b>19 June 2007 DAY II</b>	
10:00 – 13:00	<b>Panel 3: Regulating Residence and Employment – Lessons Learned</b>
	<p><b>MODERATOR: Vince Williams</b>, Project Manager, Southern African Migration Project (SAMP)</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b></p> <p><b>SOUTHERN COMMON MARKET (MERCOSUR): Victor Hugo Peña</b>, Director General, Special Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paraguay</p> <p><b>EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY: Piniel Mgonja</b>, Assistant Director, Immigration Services, Ministry of Home Affairs, Tanzania</p> <p><b>EUROPEAN UNION: Mario Pedro</b>, Head of Division, General Directorate of Internal Administration, Ministry of Internal Administration, Portugal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What are the objectives of the regional integration agreement with respect to regulating residence and employment?</li> <li>➤ What measures are used to regulate residence, if any (e.g. simplification or elimination of residency permit requirements, etc.)?</li> <li>➤ To what extent are citizens of States Party to the regional agreement allowed access to the labour market (e.g. which sectors and groups of people)? Nationals from countries not covered by the agreement? Are self-employed persons and service providers covered by the agreement?</li> <li>➤ Does the success of efforts to remove barriers to labour movements depend on the degree of economic integration already achieved?</li> <li>➤ Recognizing that other regional agreements may have different objectives, what can other regions learn from the experience of these regional integration agreements for regulating residence and work?</li> </ul> <p><b>GENERAL DISCUSSION</b></p>
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Afternoon Break</i>

15:00 – 17:50	<p><b>Panel 4: Reconciling Liberalized Movement of Persons within a Region with other Relevant Regional Agreements, Bilateral Agreements and National Policies</b></p>
	<p><b>MODERATOR: Martin Watson</b>, Representative, Global Economic Issues, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Quaker United Nations Office</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b></p> <p><b>ANDEAN COMMUNITY OF NATIONS: César Lugo Rodas</b>, Chairman, the Andean Labor Advisory Council, Andean Labor Advisory Council</p> <p><b>COMMON MARKET FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA/SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY: Owen Mgemezulu</b>, Principal Planner, Policy and Research, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Zambia</p> <p><b>Rupa Chanda</b>, Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore</p> <p><b>Damien Thuriaux</b>, Technical Cooperation Specialist, IOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Where multiple integration agreements are in force in any given region, and/or intra-and extra- bilateral agreements exist, how can the provisions therein for the movement of persons be reconciled with each other and with national policies?</li> <li>➤ What impacts do provisions for the liberalization of the movement of people within a region have on relationships with other regions (e.g. with respect to external border controls and the amount of irregular migration to and from other regions)?</li> <li>➤ What mechanisms are there to ensure effective implementation of mobility provisions in regional integration agreements?</li> </ul> <p><b>GENERAL DISCUSSION</b></p>
17:50 – 18:00	<p><b>Wrap-up and Closing Remarks</b></p>
	<p><i>End of the Workshop</i></p>