Forum on Migration, Trade & the Global Economy
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Draft Agenda and Indicative List of Speakers

8h30 – 9h00 Registration
9h00 – 10h00 Opening Plenary Session I: “The need for dialogue on the nexus between migration and trade”

Moderator: Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)

- High-level representative from Dirección Nacional de Migraciones, Government of Argentina: Argentina’s experience and approach towards migration and trade policy (topic TBC)

- Laura Thompson, International Organization for Migration (IOM): Policy coherence on migration and trade within global cooperation and partnership building processes

- Dominik Ziller, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMZ): BMZ’s approach towards shaping national and international frameworks for migration and understanding the related challenges and opportunities (topic TBC)

- Marlise Ilhesca Jozami, Fundación Foro del Sur (FFS); and Lelio Marmora (topic TBC)

- Thomas Cottier, World Trade Institute (WTI): Migration as a common concern: linkages to trade and investment

Open discussion

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10h00-11h00  **Plenary Session II: “Migration, trade and the global economy – setting the scene”**

Moderator: Mari Pangestu, University of Indonesia (TBC)

Linkages between migration and international trade; theoretical underpinnings versus empirical findings
- Marion Jansen, International Trade Centre (ITC)

Strengthening the nexus between human mobility, migration and trade within the Agenda 2030 context: key challenges and opportunities from policy and programme implementation perspectives
- Representative from IOM Labour Mobility and Human Development, Geneva (TBC)

Key messages of the upcoming UNCTAD publication on trade and migration
- Representative from United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (TBC)

*Open discussion*

11h00-11h15  **Coffee break**

11h15-12h15  **Plenary Session III: “Migration, trade and investment – unpacking the linkages”**

Moderator: Felix Peña, Instituto de Comercio Internacional de la Fundación ICBC

Linkages between migration, offshoring and regional/preferential trade agreements
- Gianluca Orefice, Centre d’études prospectives et d’informations internationales (CEPII)

Role of the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) Mode 4 in facilitating cross-border flows of investment and trade in services
- Marion Panizzon, University of Bern (TBC)

The contribution of diaspora networks in promoting trade and investment
- Onyekachi Wambu, The African Foundation for Development (AFFORD UK)

*Open discussion*

12h30-13h30  **Plenary Session IV: “Migration and the innovation economy”**

Moderator: Tauhid Pasha, Ricardo Cordero or Gabriela Fernández, IOM

Migration and the transfer of knowledge and technology across borders; gains from diversity via increases in total factor productivity, thereby spurring innovation
- Stefano Breschi, Bocconi University

Migration and its contribution to the digital economy
- Nick Ashton-Hart, Internet & Digital Ecosystem Alliance (IDEA)

Migration and its contribution to the services sector
- Julia Nielsen, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (TBC)
Open discussion

13h30-14h30  Lunch Break

14h30-15h30  Parallel Session I: “Regional integration and free movement of labour”

Moderator: Hubert Schillinger, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) (TBC)

Labour mobility in Europe: Challenges and opportunities
  • Martin Kahanec, Global Labor Organization (GLO)

Labour mobility in regional integration processes: The case of Latin America
  • Representative from International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Scope of bilateral labour agreements in strengthening bilateral cooperation to reduce barriers to labour mobility (topic TBC)
  • Mary Grace Riguer, Institute for Labor Studies (ILS) (TBC)

Open discussion

14h30-15h30  Parallel Session II: “Migration, trade and entrepreneurship”

Moderator: Ricardo Cordero, Tauhid Pasha or Gabriela Fernández, IOM

The contribution of diaspora networks to trade and entrepreneurship
  • Huiyao Wang, Center for China and Globalization (TBC)

Case-studies based on successful and well-known migrant merchants (e.g. Bolivian immigrant Marcelo Claure from Brightstar Corp., now at Sprint Corp. in the US)
  • Alexandra Starr, Russell Sage Foundation

Trade-related capacity-building to encourage entrepreneurship and businesses at the local level
  • David Luke, UN Economic Commission for Africa (TBC)

Open discussion

15h45-17h00  Plenary Session V: “Policy coherence on migration and trade at national and global levels – towards future action”

Co-moderators: Laura Thompson, International Organization for Migration; and Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)

Migration, trade and development policy – a challenge for policy coherence
  • Evita Schmieg, German Institute for International and Security Issues
Aligning migration policy with national trade policy, keeping in mind the pro-trade effects of migration in deepening global integration

- Ann Linde, Minister for EU Affairs and Trade, Government of Sweden (TBC)

Exploring new avenues for enhanced cooperation and coordinated action at the national, regional and global level (e.g. UN Global Compact on Migration)

- Alicia Bárcena, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (TBC)

Open discussion and concluding points for possible future actions

17h00-18h30  **Special Session: “Paving the way for original research on the intersection between migration and trade policy”**

Moderator: Sonia Plaza, Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD, World Bank), member of the peer review committee of the call for papers for the Forum on Migration, Trade and the Global Economy

Presentation of 3-4 original research papers selected in the call for papers followed by an interactive networking session among the authors and the participants.

- Eugenio Diaz Bonilla and Valeria Piñeiro, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
  “Potential impact of changes in US immigration policies on poverty and food security in Central American countries”