

## **Institutional Co-operation Agreement between the World Trade Institute (WTI) and the new Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (TRAPCA)**

Institutional co-operation between the World Trade Institute and the new Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa ([www.trapca.org](http://www.trapca.org)) has been established with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

From 9 to 12 February 2009, a first full-week teaching course provided by the WTI at the newly established Trade Policy Training Centre was given by Dr. Christian Häberli, as part of TRAPCA's yearly Trade Remedies and Dispute Settlement course for participants hailing from governments, private businesses and NGO's of Eastern and Southern African countries. The subjects dealt with were Dispute Settlement within the World Trade Organization and at regional levels, the Economic Partnership Agreements, Aid for Trade, Food Security and a couple of other related topics. Power Point Slides can be found [here](#).

### **TRAPCA Second Annual Trade Policy Forum, 30–31 July 2009, Arusha, Tanzania**

TRAPCA's Second Annual Trade Policy Forum took place from 30–31 July 2009 in Arusha, Tanzania. It focused on trade issues of particular interest to Least Developed Countries (LDCs), such as tariff escalation and preference erosion, the lack of legislation on trade remedies in LDCs and how LDCs could use predatory dumping, the effects of climate change on livelihoods and agricultural exports and negotiating issues in the Doha Round. Since the WTI has a formal institutional cooperation agreement with TRAPCA, Marion Panizzon was invited to present her paper on GATS Mode 4 and bilateral migration agreements. The paper discusses the request of LDCs for more openings for low-skilled labour in mode 4 as a one way to rebalance the high-skill bias of WTO Members' commitments in Mode 4, which, left unregulated can exacerbate brain drain. The paper argues that the missing regulatory mandate in GATS to manage risks and challenges of migration has led LDCs and destination countries alike to search for bilateral solutions instead. For more information see: <http://www.acp-eu-trade.org/sn2/background%20docs/Trapca%20Forum2009.pdf>