

Workshop on
**“Fostering the nexus of migration, human rights, trade and investment for
development”**

World Trade Institute, Bern (Silva Casa Auditorium)

28 April 2014, 09:00 – 11:45

Held over the course of one morning, the Workshop will bring together leaders and practitioners in the field and will consist of a two-hour working session.

It aims to explore how to raise the synergies of migration, human rights, trade and investment to maximize development in countries of origin of the migrants.

There are currently doubts as to the role of official development aid (ODA) and whether, by itself, it can effectively contribute to poverty reduction and to the promotion of development in poor countries. While people continue to migrate, especially in recent years, because of the deep financial crisis, traditional donor countries are minimizing ODA. This situation is accelerating the rhythm of integration of new elements into the development agenda.

This statement or doubts as to the role of ODA has become more accepted both among the academic community and at the institutional level.

There is a belief that it is increasingly inevitable that ODA policies will have to be combined with other elements, such as trade, investment, or agriculture. That is, mainly with other areas or domains which impact directly or indirectly on development and with the interventions of private stakeholders on behalf of poor countries.

The Workshop will address the following:

- How to respond to migration flows?
- How to increase the spillover effects of investment for job creation and upgrades in developing countries?
- How to embed migration of the low-skilled in free trade agreements?
- How to ensure that investment policies create job opportunities for the local population so as to curb poverty and prevent migration?

Related literature (alphabetical):

- Antonio Sianes, “Shedding light on policy coherence for development: a conceptual framework”, *Journal of International Development* (2013). Published online in Wiley Online Library (wileyonlinelibrary.com) DOI: 10.1002/jid.2977
- François Crépeau, [Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants on “Global Migration Governance” \(A/68/283\)](#)
- [OECD Strategy on Development](#)
- Marion Panizzon, “Migration and Trade: Prospects for Bilateralism in the Face of Skill-Selective Mobility Laws” (27 April 2011). *Melbourne Journal of International Law*, Vol. 11, No. 2, 2011. [Available at SSRN](#)
- Thomas Cottier and Charlotte Sieber, *Labour Migration, Trade and Investment, From Fragmentation to Coherence*, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, in: Palgrave Handbook of the Law and Policy of International Labour Migration (forthcoming).
- Mathias Meyer, Praximondo, “LDCs’ Trade and Investment Challenges, A report and action plan of a group of NGOs in view of the Istanbul”, Summit of Least Developed Countries in May/June 2011

An executive summary will be published on the WTI website outlining the findings of the workshop. These findings will be used in a background paper for a Conference on this topic, which will be held in November 2014.

Participants (alphabetical):

- Prof. **Achermann Alberto**, Public Law Institute, University of Bern
- Prof. **Cottier Thomas**, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
- Prof. **Crépeau François**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants
- Prof. **Elsig Manfred**, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
- Dr. **Gelb Stephen**, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
- Ambassador EU **Jones Richard**
- Dr. **Lalani Shaheez**, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
- Prof. **Lavenex Sandra**, University of Luzern
- **Losada Rosa Maria**, Doctoral Research Fellow, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
- **Meyer Matthias**, Executive Director Praximondo
- **Mona Pietro**, Migration expert, Deputy Head of Section, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Prof. **Panizzon Marion**, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
- Prof. **Polanco Rodrigo**, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
- **Schlegel Stefan**, Doctoral Research Fellow, Public Law Institute, University of Bern
- **Umaña Víctor**, Doctoral Research Fellow, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
- Doctoral students/post-docs of [Work Package 4, NCCR Trade Regulation and](#) / Doctoral students from Doctoral School, World Trade Institute, University of Bern

After introductory remarks of **Prof. Thomas Cottier** on the nexus of Migration, Trade and Investment (5 minutes), six experts (alphabetical) will proceed to an introductory speech (10 minutes each), which will be followed by a discussion with the participants:

- **Prof. Crépeau François** on Human Rights of Migrants
- **Rosa Maria Losada**, on Swiss Migration Partnerships
- **Prof. Panizzon Marion** on Labour Mobility related to GATS Mode IV
- **Mona Pietro** on Policy and Institutional Coherence for More Development
- **Prof. Polanco Rodrigo** on Investment
- **Umaña Víctor** on Public opinion on Migration Provisions within Preferential Trade Agreements