



Migration, Trade and the Global Economy

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Brief | Agenda

Saturday 08 December, 2018 | 10:30 – 12:30 |

Palmeraie Golf Palace, Room Diamant, Marrakesh

Brief

CONCEPT

The rapid expansion of a globalized economy supported by a trade and investment system of rules, processes and institutions seems to be interacting with migration flows in ways not experienced before. Trade agreements in a North-South context upgrade the skills and qualifications of foreign service providers. Aid for Trade (AfT) projects which are linked to diasporas' transnational engagements support market mechanisms towards improved livelihood opportunities for unemployed youth in countries of origin and transit.

To date, migration has been largely considered from a defensive and security-oriented point of view, as opposed to a socio-economic perspective. As a result, migration policies are characterized by a lack of coordination and coherence with other policy areas such as trade, finance and investment domestically and internationally.

This event, at the sidelines of the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), will draw upon common concern as an evolving principle of international law to inform the concept of migration. Second, the discussion will aim to identify reciprocal interests and the manner in which an understanding of the interactions between migration and trade policies can contribute to the optimal fulfillment of objectives in both migration and trade domains. Third, the discussion will place youth unemployment at the heart of the trade-migration nexus.

The side-event - jointly organized by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), the National Center for Competence in Research (nccr-on the move), University of Bern, and OCP Policy Center, with the support of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) - will promote increased awareness on the way that trade preferences, trade agreements and Aid for Trade/diaspora-for-trade can support the objectives of the GCM. Understanding the interaction between trade and migration in the context of the GCM will support the integration of migrants into labour markets and better protection of migrants' rights in a globalized economy.



Agenda

10:30 – 10:45

WELCOME REMARKS

Laura THOMPSON, Deputy Director General - IOM

Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ, Chief Executive – ICTSD

Mohammed LOULICHKI, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center

10:45 – 11:30

RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF A TRADE-MIGRATION NEXUS IN THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION

This session will explore how trade measures and agreements interact with migration policies with the aim of discussing how the trade-related commitments of the GCM can be implemented to promote sustainable development at local, national, regional and international levels. The session will use the doctrine of Common Concern of Mankind to frame a new narrative for migration as an opportunity for trade, and will reflect on references to trade in the GCM with empirical evidence in order to consider whether trade preferences are the right tool in the migration context.

Moderator

Antoni ESTEVADEORDAL, Special Advisor, Migration Initiative, IADB

Presenters

Thomas COTTIER, Emeritus Professor of Law, Senior Research Fellow, World Trade Institute (10 min)

Jennifer GORDON, Professor of Law, Fordham University (10 min)

OPEN DISCUSSION

11:30 – 12:20

AID FOR TRADE PLACED IN THE CONTEXT OF YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE CASE OF MAGHREB COUNTRIES

This session will shed light on the importance of economic factors in driving the youth of Maghreb countries, and more broadly in West Africa, to seek opportunities abroad. The session will also consider how Aid for Trade Strategies could be designed to be inclusive of migrants and to leverage diaspora entrepreneurship, investment and networks, as well as the role of regional and multilateral trade agreements between countries of origin and destination countries in better facilitating diaspora driven trade and investment

Moderator

Anna KNOLL, Head of the Migration Programme, ECDPM

Presenters

Uri DADUSH, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center (8 min)

Amanda BISONG, Policy Officer, ECDPM (8 min)

Ramla ALANI, Migration and Development Officer, CTRS and mdplatform.ch (8 min)

OPEN DISCUSSION

12:20 – 12:30

CLOSING REMARKS

