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UNITAR/WTI: Managed Mobility: Trade, Migration and Labour Movement

Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Date:	17 Oct 2011 to 11 Nov 2011
Duration:	4 Weeks
Programme Area:	Public Finance and Trade
Website:	http://www.unitar.org/pft/elearning/wti/home
Price:	\$600.00
Event Focal Point Email:	wtielearning@unitar.org
Partnership:	World Trade Institute (WTI)

BACKGROUND

The aim of this course is for trade, migration and government officials in relevant agencies as well as experts in civil society and the research community to gain an overview of the different international institutions, multilateral treaties and bilateral agreements governing labour migration. The course focuses particular attention on the treatment of labour mobility in trade agreements, so-called Mode 4 of GATS. The course discusses the reasons behind the lack of meaningful Mode 4 commitments to date, particularly with regard to low-skill services occupations, and discusses various reform proposals such as the plurilateral request and the

LDC group request formulated in the context of the WTO's Doha Round. The course also draws lessons from bilateral migration management agreements and how they address various migratory risks facing host and source countries alike, such as overstaying workers, irregular entries, brain drain, worker exploitation, human smuggling and trafficking. Economic partnership agreements are also reviewed for their regulatory advances over Mode 4 of GATS on issues such as migrant worker return, skill testing, mutual recognition of qualifications, joint occupational shortage lists, fast-tracking of visa applications, pro-mobility visas etc. Finally, the course presents a number of new soft law instruments, such as the Global Commission on International Migration (2005) Final Report (2005), the IOM International Agenda for Migration Management (IAMM), the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in rounding up its analysis of the provisions for managing labour mobility.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- Identify the different international institutions, multilateral treaties and bilateral agreements governing labour migration;
- Discuss the current treatment of labour mobility in trade agreements (the so-called Mode 4 of GATS) and the various reform proposals made;
- Analyze the reasons behind the lack of meaningful Mode 4 commitments to date; and
- Review economic partnership agreements for their regulatory advances over Mode 4 of GATS.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course will be structured around three (3) modules, i.e. one module per week. The last week will be set aside for course completion and wrap-up.

METHODOLOGY

In order to ensure the best possible outreach, the course will be delivered through e-learning. Through a multiple-instructional setting, the goal is to achieve the learning objectives by means of learning technologies that match personal

learning styles and by the inclusion of non-linear learning that aims at the development of just-in-time skills of adult learners. At the same time, in order to allow participants maximum flexibility of scheduling , the learning will be conducted in an asynchronous manner. Using a state-of-the-art training architecture, UNITAR will combine self-learning with assessments and online discussions. The pedagogy - adapted specifically to professionals in full-time work - will help train participants through various experiences: absorb (read); do (activity); interact (socialize); reflect (relate to one's own reality).

TARGETED AUDIENCE

This course is designed specifically for senior and middle level officials and professionals wishing to deepen their knowledge and understanding of international trade and migration issues.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A certificate of completion will be issued jointly by UNITAR and WTI to all participants who complete the course-related assignments and assessments successfully.