

NGLS/FES Workshop on Trade and Employment
Geneva, WMO Press Room, 20 May 2009

Programme

09:00 – 09:30 **Introduction** (Hamish Jenkins, NGLS, and Steffen Grammling, FES)

09:30 – 11:00 **Trade agreements and effective crisis response**

Review of main conclusions and action points emerging from the UNCTAD Public Symposium breakout session on the “global jobs crisis” to address this issue in terms of its direct and indirect employment dimensions

- Moderator: Hamish Jenkins (NGLS)
- Lead discussants: Pedro Páez (former Minister of Economic Coordination, Ecuador and member of the Stiglitz Commission) and Sanya Reid Smith (Third World Network)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:00 **Trade Agreements and Decent Work (part 1)**

Examples of embedding decent work objectives in trade agreements: Special Safeguard Mechanism (what lessons can be learnt for ex-post measures?) and in the NAMA negotiations on industrial tariff liberalization (what are the ex-ante risks from an employment and decent work perspective?)

- Moderator: Steffen Grammling (FES)
- Lead discussants: Christophe Bellmann (ICTSD) and Esther Busser (ITUC)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **Trade Agreements and Decent Work (part 2)**

Review of some recent employment impact assessments of trade liberalization, including the cases of India and South Africa

- Moderator: Hamish Jenkins (NGLS)
- Lead discussants: Marion Jansen (ILO) and David Kucera (ILO)

Investor protection provisions in North-South free trade agreements and bilateral investment treaties: what implications for decent work promotion?

- Lead discussant: Sanya Reid Smith (Third World Network)

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15 **Shifting bargaining relations with respect to labour and capital interests transnationally**

What strategies, alliances and complementary policies are needed?

- Moderator: Marion Jansen (ILO)
- Lead discussant: Lucio Baccaro (University of Geneva)