



**Informal consultation on the impact of international trade agreements on the
enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights**

1 May 2008, 9.30 am – 5.30 pm, Hotel Epsom Manotel, 18, rue Richmond, Geneva

- 9.30-10.00 **Coffee / Registration**
- 10.00-10.30 **Welcome and Opening**
- Philippe Texier* (Chairperson, CESCR)
Wan-Hea Lee (OHCHR)
Türkan Karakurt (FES)
- 10.30-11.00 **Session one:** Development context of trade and human rights
Moderation: *Wan-Hea Lee* (OHCHR)
Presentation by *Caroline Dommen* (3D)
- 11.00-12.00 **Session two:** Human rights considerations in trade agreements – Can the flexibilities of trade agreements be used for HR protection?
Moderation: *Carlos Lopez* (ICJ)
- Presentation by *Jason Sigurdson* (UNAIDS): TRIPS and the Right to Health
Presentation by *Pascale Boulet* (MSF): Implementation of TRIPS flexibilities to safeguard access to affordable medicines
- 12.00-13.00 **Session three:** Flanking measures to address adjustment costs
Moderation: *Virginia Bras Gomes* (CESCR)
- Presentation by *Darlan F. Martí* (South Center): Aid for Trade: Twenty lessons from existing aid schemes
Presentation by *Esther Busser* (ITUC): Guaranteeing social protection in the domestic application of trade rules
- 13.00-14.00 **Buffet Lunch**
- 14.00-15.30 **Discussion with Committee members and national delegates:** Do long-term gains expected from trade agreements justify delayed implementation of ESC rights? Discussion guided by *Gabrielle Marceau* (WTO)
- 15.30-15.45 **Coffee Break**



- 15.45-16.45 **Session four:** Possible Linkages between Policy Review Instruments; bilateral vs. multilateral
Moderation: **Ibrahim Wani** (OHCHR)

Presentation by **Jacques Degbello** (WTO): HR related aspects in TPRM?
Presentation by **Ibrahim Salama** (OHCHR): Trade relates aspects in UPR?
- 16.45-17.30 **Conclusions /** Implications for the work of the Committee
Discussion guided by **Eibe Riedel** (CESCR)

Additional Information: Those interested are invited to join the International Metalworker Union's movie screening at Café Grütli, 7.00 pm: www.imfmetal.org/labourfilms

Feature Presentation: **Morristown: in the air and sun, a film by Anne Lewis**, 60 minutes, documentary [English/Spanish with English/Spanish subtitles]: Filmed in the mountains of east Tennessee, interior Mexico and Ciudad Juarez, Morristown presents a working class response to globalisation, immigration, factory flight and the organized demand for economic and social justice. Workers of all ages, colour, industry and culture speak from the heart against the backdrop of union halls, factories, city parks and employment agencies.