

HOW SHOULD THE LABOUR MOVEMENT RESPOND TO CETA, TiSA AND TTIP? PROSPECTS FOR SOCIALLY JUST GLOBALIZATION

NOVEMBER 10TH TO 11TH, 2014, BERLIN

PROGRAM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2014

9.00 h *Arrival and Welcome Coffee*

10.00 h Welcome and Introduction

Jörg Bergstermann, *International Dialogue, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)*

Michael Fischer, *Division for Economic and Social Policy, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)*

Dr. Dierk Hirschel, *Head of Economic Department, United Services Union (ver.di)*

11.00 - 13.00 h CETA, TiSA, and TTIP – what is the state of play?

Input

Dr. Heinz Hetmeier, *Head of the Trade Policy Division, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy*

Discussion

Chair: **Jörg Bergstermann**, FES

13.00 - 14.00 h *Lunch*

14.00 - 16.00 h The current proposals in the negotiations: How will they affect the provision of (public) services in the participating countries?

Inputs

Larry Brown, *National Secretary Treasurer, National Union of Public and General Employees - NUPGE, Canada*

Dr. Martin Beckmann, *Policy Department, ver.di*

Discussion

Chair: **Michael Fischer**, FES

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee Break*

16.30 - 18.30 h The process: How are the deals negotiated and in what ways can labour influence the negotiations?

Roundtable-Discussion

- Public opinion on the current trade deals?
- Official participation of civil society and trade unions?
- Trade unions: positions and strategies on national level?

Chair: **Dr. Dierk Hirschel, ver.di**

18.30 - 18.45 h Outlook on the second day of the workshop

19.00 h *Transfer to restaurant **Il Valentino** – Dinner*
(Kurfürstenstr. 56, 10785 Berlin, Tel.: +49 (0)30 26398263)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2014

9.00 - 10.45 h The deals before us: What issues should labour prioritize as it attempts to guide the current trade negotiations in a more socially just direction?

Input

Julien Laflamme, Research Unit, Confederation of National Unions (NSC), Canada

Discussion

Chair: **Michael Fischer, FES**

10.45 - 11.00 h *Break*

11.00 - 12.45 h Discussion: Building a Framework for Socially Just Free Trade and Globalization – the Role of International Organisation

Short Inputs

Penny Clarke, Deputy General Secretary, European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU)

Jürgen Buxbaum, Coordinator Public Administration and Multinational Enterprises, Public Services International (PSI)

Christina J. Colclough, Head of EU Affairs at UNI Europa – UNI Global Union

Discussion

Chair **Dr. Dierk Hirschel, ver.di**

12.45 - 13.00 h Conclusion: What have we learned from developments so far in CETA, TTIP, and TiSA and where do we go from here? Next steps for a pro-worker globalization.

13.00 h *Lunch, end of workshop*

CENTRAL QUESTIONS FOR THE SESSIONS ON POSITION EXPLORATION

- What should unions demand from the trade agreements?
- How can unions improve coordination and communication on trade and globalization issues?
- What non-negotiable standards can unions agree on and which should be included as minimum protections of workers, consumers and the environment in currently negotiated and future trade deals?

FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

- Conference language will be English (if this is not possible, please contact us)

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