



From GATS to TISA

Global Trade in Services Forum

Co-organised by Public Services International (PSI), Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and Our World Is Not For Sale (OWINFS) network

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Abstract Program

Negotiated in secret in Geneva for almost two years, Australia, Canada, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, European Union (28 Member States), Hong Kong, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States have been working to expand the provisions of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).

Until recently very little was known about the Trade In Services Agreement (TISA). The implications for privatisation of public services and governments' ability to regulate in the public interest will be at heart at this event. Further, the effects on different sectors and the multilateral trading system will be addressed. The event seeks at enabling a lively discussion in Geneva among different stakeholders on TISA and thus providing room for exchange, critical analyses and transparency.

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8:30	Security Check for entering WMO; passport or ID card is required
9:00-9:15	Welcome and introductions <i>Hubert Schillinger</i> , Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Geneva Office <i>Deborah James</i> , Our World Is Not For Sale (OWINFS) network <i>David Boys</i> , Deputy General Secretary, Public Services International (PSI)
09:15-09:20	Opening remarks <i>Sandrine Salerno</i> , administrative counsellor, City of Geneva
9:20-10:45	Session 1: GATS to TISA: What do we know? Moderator: <i>Hubert Schillinger</i> , Director, FES Geneva Office Key note speech: The TISA negotiations and the democratic rule of law <i>Herta Däubler-Gmelin</i> , Professor of law, former Member of Parliament and Minister of Justice, Germany

	<p>The history and geopolitics of trade in services <i>Deborah James</i>, Director of International Programs, Centre for Economic and Policy Research</p> <p>Current services liberalisation and content of the TISA <i>Jane Kelsey</i>, Professor of law, University of Auckland, New Zealand</p>
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	<p>Session 2: General implications for services liberalisation on... Moderator: <i>Daniel Bertossa</i>, Director, Policy and Governance, PSI</p> <p>...Privatisation, procurement and state-owned enterprises <i>Sanya Reid Smith</i>, Legal Advisor, Third World Network</p> <p>...Domestic regulation <i>Ellen Gould</i>, Research Associate, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Canada</p> <p>...The impact on public services <i>Stefan Giger</i>, General Secretary, SSP-VPÖD, Switzerland</p> <p>...Mode 4 <i>Tony Salvador</i>, lawyer, IDEALS, Philippines</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-16:00	<p>Session 3: TISA and its impact on industry sectors Moderator: <i>Andreas Botsch</i>, Special Adviser to the President, DGB, Germany</p> <p>Financial services <i>Melinda St. Louis</i>, International Campaigns Director, Public Citizen, USA</p> <p>Transport <i>Celeste Drake</i>, Trade & Globalization Policy Specialist, AFL-CIO, USA</p> <p>Health <i>Natalie Van Gijssel</i>, Campaign and Policy Officer at Third World Health Aid, Belgium</p> <p>Education <i>Antoni Verger</i>, Professor of Sociology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain</p>
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee/Tea Break
16:15 – 17:15	<p>Session 4: TISA and its impacts on the multilateral trading system Moderator: <i>Hubert Schillinger</i>, Director, FES Geneva Office</p> <p>Impact on developing countries <i>Angélica C. Navarro Llanos</i>, Ambassador, Permanent mission to the UN and other international organizations, Bolivia</p> <p><i>Wamkele Keabetswe Mene</i>, Chargé d'Affaires, Permanent Mission to the WTO, South Africa</p>
17:30	Closure