

Global Europe and Decent Work: Program

Date: 18-19 November, 2009

Venue: European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building, Room A3G2

Interpretation: English, Spanish, French

Time	Session	Speakers
9.30-11.00	Registration and Coffee	
11.00-11.30	Welcome	Welcome: Kader Arif , MEP, S&D France Conny Reuter, SOLIDAR
11:30-13:00	Global Europe and its impact on decent work Chair: Andrea Maksimovic, SOLIDAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Global Europe: Non-tariff barriers – the new frontier?:</u> David O’Sullivan, Director General, DG Trade, European Commission ▪ <u>The Scramble for Africa : EPAs as a development tool: myth or reality?</u> Kwasi Adu-Amamkwah, General Secretary, ITUC-Africa ▪ <u>Global Europe and decent work: the business perspective –</u> Business Europe <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Q&A and discussion</u></p>
13:00-14:30	Lunch break	
14:30-16:00	Trade union responses to the Free Trade Agreements frenzy Chair: Juan Carlos Vargas, Director, PLADES, Peru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Bolkenstein for the World: repercussions for European Workers:</u> John Monks, Secretary General, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) ▪ <u>The Colombia FTA: are human rights and trade mutually exclusive?:</u> Guillermo Correa, Research Director - Escuela Nacional Sindical, Colombia ▪ <u>The EU-India FTA and impact on informal economy workers:</u> Namrata Bali, Self-Employed Women’s Association ▪ <u>The EU-ASEAN agreement – From region to region to bilateral –</u> Rey Rasing, Director, LEARN, the Philippines <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Q&A and discussion</u></p>
16:00-17.30	The state of play at the WTO: What’s at stake for Decent Work and development Chair: Saliem Patel, Director, Labour Research Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>The Doha Round: What’s in it for Development –</u> Marc Maes, 11.11.11 ▪ <u>Brazil’s position: agriculture vs. industry?</u> Felipe Saboya Braga, Research Coordinator, IOS-CUT Brazil ▪ <u>NAMA and its impact on employment –</u> Tony Salvador, Labour Education and Research Network, Philippines. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Q&A and discussion</u></p>

17:30-19.30	Reception	Hosted by Yannick Jadot, MEP, Greens/EFA, France
DAY 2		
9.00-10.15	<p>Labour chapters in trade agreements: what's in it for the workers?</p> <p>Chair: Keith Sonnet, Deputy Secretary General, Unison, UK and Co-chair , Global Network</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Can labour chapters work?</u> Franz Ebert, ILO International Institute for Labour Studies ▪ <u>Labour and social clauses in current negotiations –</u> Harlem Desir, MEP, S&D France ▪ <u>An assessment of the Sustainability Chapters in EU-Andean and Central American negotiations :</u> Astrid Valencia, Directora Ejecutiva, Grupo de Monitoreo Independiente de El Salvador (GMIES) ▪ <u>The EU trade mandate – what role for decent work?</u> – Mr. Joakim Reiter, Counsellor and Chair of 133 Committee deputies, C133 Committee <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Q&A and discussion</u></p>
10.15-11.45	<p>Panel debate: Global Europe in a time of crisis – perspectives</p> <p>Chair: Laura Shields, Freelance journalist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charles Gore, Special Coordinator for Research and Policy Analysis, UNCTAD - TBC ▪ Peter Thompson, Director- Development and EPAs, DG Trade, EC ▪ Guy Ryder, Secretary General, International Trade Union Confederation ▪ Vital Moreira, MEP, S&D – Chairman – European Parliament International Trade Committee ▪ Gonzalo Berron, Political Advisor, TUCA/CSA <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Q&A and discussion</u></p>
11.45 – 12.00	Closing remarks	Conny Reuter, Secretary General, SOLIDAR Sahra Ryklief, Secretary General, IFWEA

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