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## **Labour/Management Programme**

**TUAC LABOUR/MANAGEMENT SEMINAR  
FAIR LABOUR MIGRATION – FROM VISION TO REALITY**

**Descriptive Note and Agenda**

**Wednesday 17 October 2007, Room D**

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**OECD Labour/Management Programme  
MEETING OF OECD/TUAC EXPERTS  
Fair Labour Migration – From Vision to Reality**

*17 October 2007 - OECD, Room D*

**DESCRIPTIVE NOTE**

***Introduction***

In the context of the OECD Labour/Management Programme, a meeting of trade union experts will take place 17 October 2007 at OECD Headquarters taking as theme "**Fair Labour Migration – from Vision to Reality**".

After consultation with the OECD Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC), the OECD Secretariat proposes, the following organisation of the meeting:

***Purpose of the meeting***

- Under the auspices of the OECD LMP programme, the meeting will examine past and current migration flows, its key drivers, its impact on sending and receiving countries, in particular upon labour markets and national systems of industrial relations in receiving countries. Moreover, the challenges as well as future perspectives of migration policies will be discussed. The meeting aims to increase awareness of the challenges and opportunities migration represents for OECD economies and will raise some of the issues of greatest concern to labour unions. It will provide a forum for discussion on the labour union perspectives of this issue.

***Practical organisation***

- Date

The meeting will be held at the Organisation's Headquarters in Paris, 2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris, on **Wednesday 17 October 2007 starting at 09:30 in D.**

- Chairperson

Mr. Ron Blackwell, AFL-CIO, will chair the morning session and Mrs. Martine Durand, OECD, will chair the afternoon session. The closing panel will be chaired by Rory Clarke, OECD.

- Participants

TUAC will propose trade union experts to participate in the meeting.

The meeting will allow an exchange of information and ideas among experts. Comments by OECD Secretariat will not necessarily reflect the position of the Secretary-General or OECD member Governments.

- Working languages

Simultaneous French-English interpretation will be provided.

- Documentation

Pertinent background documents will be made available to participants (OECD documentation).

- Rapporteur

Mr. Ricardo Tejada, OECD Public Affairs Division, will provide a summary record after the meeting.

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**AGENDA**

**Morning Session Chair:** *Ron Blackwell, AFL-CIO*

- 9:30 - 9:45      **Opening remarks** by *Martine Durand, OECD* and *John Evans, TUAC*
- 9:45 - 10:15    **Introductory session**
- Recent developments in migration movements and policies.  
Overview by *J. P. Garson, OECD*
  - Economic and labour market impact of migration in OECD countries.  
Presentation by *Orsetta Causa, OECD*
- 10:15 - 11:15    **Discussion**
- 11:15 - 11:30    **Coffee break**
- 11:30 - 12:00    **Migration – a tool to promote sustainable development and decent work?**
- A trade union perspective: *Salimah Valiani, Canadian Labour Congress*
  - A sending countries perspective: *Jeff Dayton-Johnson, OECD Development Centre*
  - Followed by initial comments by *Ms. Mamounata Cisse, Deputy Secretary General, ITUC*
- 12:10 - 12:45    **Discussion**
- 12:45 - 14:15    **Lunch break**

**Afternoon Session Chair:** *Martine Durand, OECD*

- 14:15 - 15:30    **Roundtable: Migration, labour markets and industrial relations - the role of employers and trade unions**
- Introduction: “The employment of migrants: the economic and politics of labour shortages”, *Dr. Martin Ruhs, COMPAS, Oxford University*
  - Roundtable discussion with union representatives from the US, UK, France, Italy

- 15:30 - 15:45 **Coffee break**
- 15:45 - 16:00 **Policies to manage migration – National issues and international cooperation.**  
What works and what doesn't - with a particular focus on recruitment, combating illegal employment and management of migration flows  
*George Lemaitre, OECD*
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Discussion**
- 16:30 - 17:30 **Future migration issues: Towards fairer and more effective policies**  
Panel discussion with *Martine Durand, OECD; Francois Heran, INED; Ron Blackwell, AFL-CIO; John Evans, TUAC*  
Chair: Rory Clarke, OECD
- 17.30 - 18:00 **Closing remarks (PAC/TUAC)**