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NOTIFICATION

Workshop on recognition of qualifications to facilitate movement of natural persons

Geneva, 3 May 2019

UNCTAD and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States will co-organize a workshop on the recognition of qualifications to facilitate the movement of natural persons, to be held on Friday, 3 May 2019, at 10 a.m. in Room XXVI of the Palais des Nations.

Background and purpose

One of the restrictions to the temporary movement of natural persons is non-recognition by a host country of the skills or qualifications obtained in a home country. Countries can provide autonomous recognition of foreign skills or qualifications, yet countries or regions often enter into mutual recognition agreements to facilitate the temporary movement of persons, including recognition provisions in trade or labour agreements, as foreseen in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

This workshop will focus on how the recognition of skills and qualifications can enhance trade in services through mode 4 and thereby facilitate mobility, the sending of remittances and other benefits for home and host countries. The workshop will examine national, regional and multilateral approaches to dealing with the recognition of skills and qualifications and how to build on these approaches to facilitate trade in services through mode 4 and the mobility of people.

The workshop aims to provide concrete information for participants that can contribute to the implementation of the Global Compact, and to advise on topics relevant to the review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development, to be held in July 2019, at which States will be invited to report on the implementation of target 10.7 on facilitating the orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people.

Participation

This workshop is open to all member States of UNCTAD and other organizations. Specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category, as well as representatives from academia and the private sector, are eligible to participate as observers. Officials and experts working on trade in services or labour and migration are invited to attend the workshop.

Registration is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the workshop and is required in order to be included on the list of participants. Registration should be completed online at [Workshop on recognition of qualifications to facilitate movement of natural persons](#). Early registration is advised, in order that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a badge to enter the Palais des Nations.

Further enquiries regarding registration should be sent to the Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, tel: 41 22 917 5526; email: tncdb@unctad.org.

Logistics

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in all official languages.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors will be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

Further information and contact details

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