You are cordially invited to attend a seminar on “Migration Policies and Practices in the Americas”, organised by the Western Hemisphere Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

Countries in the Americas have a wealth of experience when it comes to migration. The aim of this seminar is to discuss migration policies in the Americas and to share practices and lessons learned.

Programme:
08:30 – 09:00 Registration
09:00 – 09:05 Welcome by Joost Reintjes, Director Western Hemisphere Department, Dutch MFA
09:05 – 09:15 Opening remarks by Reina Buijs, Deputy Director General for International Cooperation, Dutch MFA
09:15 – 10:45 Trends in migration flows and policies in the Americas
    ➢ Marcia Bebianno Simoes, Migration Specialist, OAS
    ➢ Georges Lemaître, former Principal Administrator of the International Migration Division, OECD
10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break
11:00 – 12:15 Border protection and safe return (case study: US-Mexico border)
    ➢ Patrick Ott, Customs and Border Protection Attaché, US Embassy in the Hague
    ➢ Sandra Patricia Mendoza Durán, Director for Protection in the United States, Mexican MFA
    ➢ Dr. Olivier Thomas Kramsch, Nijmegen Centre for Border Research
12:15 – 12:45 Labour migration (case study: Canada)
    ➢ Dr. Tanya Basok, Professor at University of Windsor, Canada
12:45 – 13:00 Concluding remarks by the moderator

Moderator: Melissa Siegel, Associate Professor, Head Migration Studies Training and Research at Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

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