



# Seminar Migration Policies and Practices in the Americas

1 April 2016, 09:00 – 13:00

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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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