



TISA: Lifting the Veil of Secrecy

Global Trade in Services Forum
Geneva, 17 October 2014

GENEVA (9 October 2014) – Public Services International ([PSI](http://www.world-psi.org)) in partnership with Our World Is Not For Sale ([OWINFS](http://www.owinfs.org)) and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung ([FES](http://www.fes.de)) will be holding [the first ever global conference](#) to provide a critical perspective on the proposed [Trade In Services Agreement](#) (TISA) in Geneva on 17 October 2014.

“If concluded, the Trade in Services Agreement would liberalise the public sector and restrict democracy in our countries,” said Daniel Bertossa, PSI Director of Policy & Governance, at the [WTO Public Forum](#) in Geneva, on Wednesday 1st October 2014.

“It is being negotiated without proper consultation – yet would bind future governments to its provisions, regardless of the decisions of national elections, parliaments and courts,” said Deborah James, of OWINFS.

At the Forum, **PSI and OWINFS will present [a new report](#)** about how TISA is being used to accomplish transnational corporations’ deregulatory agenda. The report complements the study ‘[TISA versus Public Services](#)’ that examines how TISA would foster and lock-in privatisation.

On Friday 17th October leading global experts, trade unions from the public and private sector, civil society and government representatives from around the world will discuss the threats posed by the TISA.

Over 140 participants representing more than 40 countries and 20 international organisations have registered.

Speakers will include:

- *Ellen Gould* – Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and author of the new report “The Really Good Friends of Transnational Corporations Agreement”
- *Herta Däubler-Gmelin*, Professor of law, former Member of Parliament and Minister of Justice, Germany
- *Angelica C. Navarro Llanos*, Ambassador, Permanent Mission to the UN, Bolivia
- *Jane Kelsey*, Professor of law, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- *Wamkele Keabetswe Mene*, Chargé d’Affaires, Permanent Mission to the WTO, South Africa
- *Stefan Giger*, General Secretary, SSP-VPOD, Switzerland
- And many more

The Conference will take place from 9.00 am to 17.00 at the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), 7bis avenue de la Paix, Geneva.

If you wish to attend, please register with veronika.darras@world-psi.org.

For more information see our website: <http://www.world-psi.org/en/psi-global-trade-services-forum>.

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