



Belgian Platform for International Health

Working Group
Determinants of
International Health



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Activities 2018 – Poster presentations

Free trade and development: balancing opportunities and risks



Unacceptable high levels of global inequality and precarious employment are recognized serious threats for the achievement of the universal right to health. The **broad scope** of most modern trade agreements is irresponsibly ignorant of the **substantial**, **often direct and most often also indirect**, **effects on the social determinants of health**. As increased trade is one of the pathways set forward to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, our aim is to review the impact of free trade agreements.

Free trade agreements

- ope: regulations on investments, trade in services, intellectual property right: ion policy, government procurement, production rules and standards, ...

Impact on health

























In detail: impact on health of workers























Policy recommendations

- Protect governments' regulatory policy space to install pro-health measures
 Dismiss TRIPS-plus provisions and liberalization of health services
 Regulate the medicines market to ensure financial and geographical availability of high-
- vth and job creation are only positive if accompanied by **adequate standards regarding**
- Schalb civil society representation in solidarity-based social protection systems
 Make labour provisions and recommendations of health impact analyses binding
 Enforce power of labour-related civil society organizations such as trade unions

Libre comercio y desarrollo: balanceando riesgos y oportunidades

El grado de desigualdad y precariedad en el empleo es elevado e inaceptable y supone una grave amenaza para lograr el derecho universal a la salud. El gran alcance de la mayoría de los acuerdos comerciales actuales ignora de forma irresponsable los efectos sustanciales, a menudo directos y, más a menudo, también indirectos, sobre los determinantes sociales de la salud. Con el aumento varios aspectos sanitarios, como la salud de los trabajadores a través del empleo y las condiciones

Acuerdos de libre comercio

- · Normativas gubernamentales y otras normativas mínimas, competencia óptima





Efectos sobre la salud

















En detalle: incidencia sobre la salud de los trabajadores

























Recomendaciones

on Health Systems Research in Liverpool Congreso Alames in La Paz

Fifth Global Symposium





Activities 2018

- Participation of a delegation, People's Health Assembly Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Organization of a "Soirée Santé" on health
 & nutrition
- Elaboration of a concept note for our working group
- Dissemination of Global Health Watch chapter, shorter article





Planning 2019

- Further exploration of the topic "Nutrition as a determinant of health"
- Exchange during working group meetings: invite experts for discussions
- Participation in Be-cause Health
 Conference on Urban Health
- Participation in other health events (April 7, ECTMIH, ... ?)

