



Regional and Bilateral Approaches to Movement of Service Suppliers

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Introduction – Conceptual Gap

- Mode 4 movement is a subset of a subset of a subset

Regional Agreements – Formal and Informal

- Formal mechanisms of regional integration
 - Free movement of labour initiatives and obligations to cooperate in regional treaties
 - European Union, NAFTA, MERCOSUR
 - Complementary tools for migration management
- Informal mechanisms of regional cooperation
 - Regional Consultative Processes (RCPs)

Bilateral Labour Agreements - Perspectives

- Destination Country Perspective
 - Meet labour demand immediately and enhance regional integration
 - Reduce irregular migration

What Can be Learned from Bilateral Agreements?

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- BLAs are more flexible than binding multilateral commitments and therefore often more attractive to migration managers
- Can provide examples of how to manage migration of temporary workers
- BLAs often employ measures to guarantee return
- BLAs establish obligations for the country of origin as well as the country of destination
- BLAs can facilitate the protection of migrant workers through measures taken by countries of origin and destination

