

Thematic seminar: TISA and FTAs

22 April 9:00-17:00

The objectives of the thematic seminars are to:

- Increase knowledge about FTAs by reinforcing PSI's global policies;
- Exchanging experiences and share best practices that the members are developing on the topic in the region;
- Suggest regional/subregional and national actions for the next period, to be integrated into the Action Plan 2015-2020.

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9:00 Opening, presentation of the goals and participants

9:30 How TISA works and FTAs – their impacts on Public Services and the need for responses from PSI and OWINFS – Daniel Bertossa (PSI) and Deborah James (OWINFS)

10:30 Clarifications

10:45 Pause

11:00 The campaign against TISA in the following countries:

• Uruguay (Ismael

- Chile (Esteban Maturana)
- Colombia (Tulio Vargas)
- Costa Rica (Rodrigo Lopez)
- Canada (Graham Cox)
- Mexico (Jose Olvera)

12:00 Debate and clarifications.

12:30 Lunch

14:30 TISA, TPP and others in Asia: Lakshmi Vaidhiyanathan, from PSI Asia

14:50 The agreement between European Union and countries from Latin America: Patricia Muñoz, from Ecuador

15:10 Debate and clarifications

15:45 Pause

16:00 Organizing the struggle against TISA and other FTAs in the Americas - final debate and proposals for actions

17:00 Conclusion of the work