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"Trump, Migration, and Development" The implications of the US migration policy changes for development cooperation

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The election of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States signalled challenges for migration and development related questions. President Trump issued three executive orders during his first week in office, setting in motion plans to build a wall on the Mexico-US border, increasing deportations of unauthorized foreigners, and reducing refugee admissions.

In the field of international cooperation and development, the new administration withdrew from the Trans-Pacific Partnership comprising the US, Japan, and 10 other countries that collectively account for 40 percent of world GDP and a third of world trade. In February 2017 he proposed a 340 per cent reduction in the USD30 billion a year foreign aid budget, in part to increase military spending by USD54 billion. USAID, which currently operates in 100 countries, may close a third of its field missions.

The debate will address the following questions:

- What does the re-orientation of US policy on migration and development mean for the global (migration) governance and the US position in multilateral processes?
- To what extent will the new US policy influence global processes such as the formulation of the Global Migration Compact and the Global Forum on Migration and Development?
- In how far will the re-orientation (cut in development aid) influence the relation with other donors? What does it mean for donor coordination?

Welcome Remarks:



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Speaker:



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