The Transformative Role of Non-State Actors in Assisting Migrant Farm Workers Achieve Citizenship at Work

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Outline of presentation

• Introduction
• Citizenship at work for temporary migrant farm workers
• The role currently played by non-state actors
• New governance theory- diagnosing the cause and theorizing the cure
• Case studies & lessons
  – Agricultural Workers Alliance centres (Canada)
  – BC Farm Workers’ Inter-Agency Compliance Committee (Canada)
  – Horticulture Industry Shared Compliance Program (Australia)
Key lessons

• State agencies should consider formalizing their relationship with non-state actors and provide financial and other forms of support.

• New governance reforms need to be complemented with strong proactive and punitive enforcement efforts.

• New governance measures should be sensitive of the need to provide avenues for workers’ voice.
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