

**United Nations Economic  
Commission for Africa**



**African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC)**

**Workshop on Trade Facilitation and Aid for Trade: Sustaining  
Trade Facilitation Gains Through Effective Aid for Trade  
Strategies  
12-13 March 2009**

**Draft Work Programme**

**Day 1, 12 March 2008: Trade Facilitation**

<b>8:00 – 9:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9:00- 9:20</b>	Opening of Workshop – Chair: Amb. Peter Robleh <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remarks by Mr. Mahamat Abdoulaye, Officer In Charge (OIC), Trade, Finance, and Economic Development Division, ECA</li><li>• Review structure of workshop</li><li>• Adoption of agenda</li></ul>
<b>9:20 – 11:00</b>	<b>Plenary Session I: Emerging Trade Facilitation issues – Chair: Amb. Peter Robleh</b>
<b>9:20 – 9:35</b>	Overview of Trade Facilitation in Africa (Joseph Atta-Mensah)
<b>9:35 – 10:15</b>	Recent ECA and ATPC Studies and other Developments in Trade Facilitation (Robert Lisinge, Ibrahima Diagne, N’Guessan N’Guessan)
<b>10:15 – 10:45</b>	Discussion
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>

- 11:00 – 13: 00**                    **Emerging Trade Facilitation issues (con't)**
- Status of the Almaty Programme of Action (Marie Therese Guiebo)
  - Leveraging WTO negotiations on Trade Facilitation to operationalise the Almaty Programme of Action (Robert Lisinge)
  - Achieving Aid for Trade through the Almaty Programme of Action (Stephen Karingi)
  - ILEAP (Dominique Njinkeu: Regional Single Windows and trade facilitation in Central and West Africa)
  - Trade Facilitate (Conor O’Riordan)
  - Discussion
- 13: 00 – 15:00**                    **Lunch**
- 15 :00 – 16:45**                    **Plenary Session II: Regional and National Trade Facilitation Experiences – Chair: Antonio Pedro**
- Presentations by RECs and Transport Corridor Organisations (Rukia Shamte-Central Corridor; Lucie Rose Tiemoko Nguessan-UEMOA; Gilbert Boois-Walvis Bay Corridor Group; Bernard Zawanda-SARA; Jean Kizito Kabanguka-Northern Corridor:)
  - Presentations by member states (Vincent Lissom-Cameroon; Senegal: GAINDE 2000; Jonathan Ofori-Ghana GCNet; Yaya Yedan-Burkina Shippers’ Council in Ghana)
  - Presentation by *Crown Agents* (Trevor Maliwanda Simumba)
- 16:45 – 17:00**                    **Coffee/Tea Break**
- 17:00 – 17: 30**                    **Regional and National Trade Facilitation Experiences (con't)**
- Discussion

## **Day 2, 13 March 2008: Aid for Trade; Launching of Pan African Alliance on E-Commerce**

### **Parallel Session 1: General Assembly of Pan-African Alliance on E-Commerce – Chair: Makane Faye**

**9:00 – 11: 00**            Review and Adoption of Statutes

**11:00 - 11:15**            **Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:15 – 13:00**            Review and Adoption of by-laws

**13: 00 – 14:30**            **Lunch**

### **Parallel Session 2: Aid for Trade – Chair: Joseph Atta-Mensah**

**9:00 – 11: 00**            **State of Play of the Aid for Trade Initiative**

9:00 – 9:15                Monitoring Aid for Trade (Stephen Karingi)  
9:15 – 10:15              Perspectives of African Countries and Organisations  
10:15 – 10:45              Discussion

**10:45: 11:00**            **Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:00 – 13:00**            **Perspectives of the Donor Community and International Organisations on the Aid for Trade Initiative (presentations and discussion)**

- European Centre for Development Policy Management (Dan Lui )
- AfDB (Tonia Kandiero)
- Crown Agents (Valentina Mintah)

**13: 00 – 14:30**            **Lunch**

**14:30 – 16: 00**            **Plenary Session III: Outstanding AFT issues (Panel: ECA-Stephen Karingi, AfDB; Tonia Kandiero, ECDPM-Dan Lui) – Chair: Amb. Peter Robleh**

- Scope of Aid for Trade
- Delivery Mechanism

- Mobilisation of Resources
- Regional and National Aid for Trade Strategies

**16:00 – 16:15**

**Coffee/Tea Break**

**16: 15 – 16: 45**

**Plenary Session IV: Launching of Pan – African Alliance on E-Commerce (presentations to be made by members of the Alliance)- Chair: Mahamat Abdoulahi**

- Report of Dakar Single Windows Conference
- Report of General Assembly Session
- Presentation of Statutes and by-laws of Alliance
- Launching of Alliance

**16: 45 – 17: 20**

**Plenary Session V: Presentation and Adoption of Outcome Document (Robert Lisinge)**

**17: 20 – 17:30**

**Plenary Session VI: Wrap-up (Mahamat Abdoulahi)**

- Closing remarks