



Federal Democratic Republic  
of Ethiopia

Economic Commission for Africa

## Round Table on ICT, Trade and Economic Growth – Ethiopia

26 – 27 February 2007

United Nations Conference Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

### Monday, 26 February 2007

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of Participants

09:30 – 10:30 **Session I: Opening session**

**Chair:** Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah, OIC, ICT and Science and Technology Division, ECA

**Welcoming remarks by:** Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah, OIC, ICT and Science and Technology Division, ECA

**Opening speech by:** H.E. Mr. Tadesse Haile, State Minister of Trade and Industry, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

**Presentation:** The ICTs, Trade and Economic Growth Initiative  
Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah, OIC, ICT and Science and Technology Division, ECA

10:30 – 10:50 **Coffee Break**

10:50 – 13:00 **Session II: Presentation of the Study – ICTs, Trade and Economic Growth in Ethiopia (Part I)**

**Chair:** Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah, OIC, ICT and Science and Technology Division, ECA

**Presentation:** Study Objective & methodology - Dr. Assefa Admassie  
Trade Landscape, & Policy Assessment - Dr. Assefa Admassie

Discussions

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **Session III: Presentation of the Study – ICTs, Trade and Economic Growth in Ethiopia (Part II)**

**Chair:** Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah, OIC, ICT and Science and Technology Division, ECA

**Presentation:** ICT Landscape, Policy and Regulatory Environment;- Ms. Woubalem Taye  
Discussions

15:30 – 16:10 **Coffee Break**

**16:10 – 17:30 Session IV: Presentation of the Study – ICTs, Trade and Economic Growth in Ethiopia (Part III)**

**Presentation: Private Sector Readiness for e-Business – Dr. Assefa Admassie;  
Discussions**

**Tuesday, 27 February 2007**

**09:00 – 10:30                    Session V: Discussion session**

**Chair:** Mr. Afework Temtime, Information Network Officer, ISTD, ECA

- Issue – 1     Policy related issues
- Issue – 2     Legal and regulatory framework
- Issue – 3     Private sector readiness
- Issue – 4     The Way Forward

Discussions

**10:30 – 10:50                    Coffee Break**

**10:50 – 11:30**

Discussion session continues

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

**14:00 – 15:30                    Session V: Reports of the Discussion Session and Closing**

**Chair:** Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah, OIC, ICT and Science and Technology Division, ECA

**Presentations:** Dr. Assefa Admassie and Ms. Woubalem Taye

**Closing remarks:** Ato Debretsion Gebremichael, Director-General, Ethiopian Information and Communication Technology Development Agency

Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah, OIC, ICT and Science and Technology Division, ECA