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Round Table on ICT, Trade and Economic Growth Study

30-31 July 2007

Pretoria, South Africa

Monday, 30 July 2007

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of Participants

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

Chair: Ms. Lyndall Shope-Mafole, Director-General, Department of Communication, South Africa

09.30- 09.45 **Welcoming remarks by:**

Ms Aida Opoku-Mensah, Director, ICT and Science and Technology Division, UNECA

Mr. Richard Bourassa, Director of International Relations, Industry Canada

9.45-10.0 **Opening speech by:**

Ms. Catsburry, Minister for Communications, South Africa

10.00-10.15 **Brief Statement by:**

Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa

10.15- 10.30

The ICTs, Trade and Economic Growth Initiative, by

Ms Aida Opoku-Mensah, Director, 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 South Africa (Part I)**

Chair: TBD

Rapporteur: TBD

Presentation: [Supporting South Africa's Trade with ICTs. Issues and Options]

By: Ms. Natalie Sunker, Consultant

Discussions

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

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

Chair: Dr. Harold Wesso, Deputy Director-General, ICT Policy Development, Ministry of Communications

Rapporteur: Mr. Norman Munzhelele, Chief Director, ICT Policy Research and Development and Research, Ministry of Communications

Presentation: [Assessing the National Capacity to utilize ICT services/tools to facilitate Trade & Economic Development]
By: Dr. Marcia Socikwa, Ex-Consultant

Discussions

15:30 – 15:50 **Coffee Break**

15:50 – 17:30

Discussions continue

Tuesday, 31 July 2007

09:00 – 10:30 **Session IV: Breakout sessions**

(Chairs and Rapporteurs to be elected by participants)

Breakout Session 1 - The Role of ICT and Trade in South Africa's growth strategy (Economic impact of ICT)

Breakout Session 2 - Readiness of South African enterprises for E-business and ICT facilitated trade with focus on SMEs

10:30 – 10:50 **Coffee Break**

10:50 – 13:00

Breakout sessions continue

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Session V: Reports from breakout sessions**

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Discussions

15:30 – 15:50 **Coffee Break**

15:50 – 17:00 **Session VI: Closing**

Chair: Ms Aida Opoku-Mensah, Director, ICT and Science and Technology Division, UNECA

Rapporteur: Mr. Themba Phiri, Director, Economic Analysis and Impact Assessment, Ministry of Communications

The Way forward: Ms. Natalie Sunker and Dr. Marcia Socikwa

Closing remarks: Ms. Lyndall Shope-Mafole, Director-General, Department of Communication, South Africa