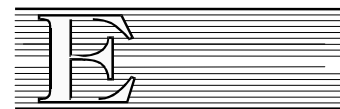




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**AFRICAN REGIONAL REVIEW MEETING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALMATY
PROGRAMME OF ACTION , 17 - 20 JUNE 2008, UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE CENTRE,
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

- Tuesday, 17 June 2008:** Pre-conference event: Seminar on Treaties and Conventions
- Morning session**
- 09:00 - 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 – 10:30: Opening session of the pre-conference event
- Statement by Mr. Emmanuel Nnadozie, OIC of NEPAD and Regional Integration Division.
 - Introductory Remarks by the Representative from UN-OHRLLS/Office of Legal Affairs
- 10:30 – 11:30 - Seminar on treaty law to assist LLDCs and transit developing countries to accede to major international transit transport conventions. *By UN-OHRLLS and Office of Legal Affairs*
- 11:30 – 11:45 - Coffee break**
- 11:45 – 12:45: - Seminar on treaty law to assist LLDCs and transit developing countries to accede to major international transit transport conventions. **(Cont)** *By UN-OHRLLS and Office of Legal Affairs*
- 12:45 – 15:00 - Lunch break**
- Afternoon session**
- 15:00 – 16:15 - Seminar on treaty law to assist LLDCs and transit developing countries to accede to major international transit transport conventions. *By UN-OHRLLS and Office of Legal Affairs*

16:15 – 16:30 - Coffee break

16:30 – 17:45 - Other presentations on treaties and conventions. (SSATP, AUC)

Wednesday 18 June–Friday 20 June 2008

African Regional Review Meeting of the Implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action

Wednesday, 18 June 2008

Morning session

- 10.00 – 10:45 - Opening Remarks
- Statement by Dr Elham Mahmoud Ahmed Ibrahim (Mrs),
Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, AUC
 - Statement by Mr Cheick Sidi Diarra, UN Under Secretary General,
Special Advisor on Africa and High Representative of LDCs, LLDCs
and SIDS
 - Statement by Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, UN Under Secretary General and
Executive Secretary of ECA
 - Adoption of Agenda and Programme of work

10:45 – 11:00 - Coffee break

- 11:00 – 12:45 - Report on the status of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action.
- African perspectives/African Plan of Action (*By ECA Secretariat*)
 - Global perspectives (*By UN-OHRLLS*)
 - *Discussions*

12:45 – 14:30 - Lunch break

Afternoon session

- 14:30 – 16:00 - Experiences on trade facilitation and infrastructure development
- Country experiences
 - RECs/Organisations experiences

16:00 – 16:15 - Coffee break

- 16:15 – 17:30 - Leveraging WTO negotiations on trade facilitation to operationalise the Almaty Programme of Action (*By ECA Secretariat*) Aid for Trade Initiative (*By ECA secretariat*)
- *Discussions*

- 18:30 - **Reception**

Thursday, 19 June 2008

Morning session

9.30 - 10.45 - Fundamental transit policy issues (*Presentation & discussions*)

10:45 - 11 .00 - Coffee Break

11:00 – 12.30 - Infrastructure development and maintenance (*Presentation & discussions*)

12.30 – 14.30 - Lunch break

Afternoon session

14.30 – 15.15 - International trade and trade facilitation; (*Presentation & discussions*)

15.15 – 16.00 - International support measures (*Presentation & discussions*)

16.00 – 16.30 - Implementation and review (*Presentation & discussions*)

16. 30 – 16.45 - Coffee Break

16:45 – 17:30 - Wrap up

Friday, 20 June 2008

9.00 - 13:00 - Preparation of the draft report by the secretariat

16:00 – 17:00 - Adoption of the draft report of the meeting

17:00 – 18:00 - Closing Remarks