



Economic Commission for Africa



African Union

Post-Cancun Expert Group Meeting for African Trade Negotiators and Officials

Final Programme

**28-29 November 2003
Accra, Ghana**

Programme of Activities

26-27 November: **ARRIVAL**

28 November

09:00 – 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening Ceremony**

- Remarks by Mr. K. Y. Amoako, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Remarks by the African Union (AU)
- Remarks by the Africa WTO Geneva Group
- Welcome Address by His Excellency, John Agyekum Kufour, President of the Republic of Ghana

Session I: **Assessment and Evaluation of the Outcome of the Cancun WTO Ministerial Conference**

Chairperson: *Representative of Ghana*

10:30 – 11:15 **Presentations**

- (a) **Reflections on the Doha Round and the Cancun Ministerial Conference**, by Dr Patrick Osakwe, Trade and Regional Integration Division, ECA;
- (b) **The Outcome of Cancun and its Implications**, by the Representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- (c) **The State of Play After the Cancun WTO Ministerial Conference**, by the Coordinator of the Africa WTO Geneva Group;

11:15 – 11:30 **General Discussion**

11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee Break**

Session II: Negotiation Strategies

Chairperson: *Dr Hakim Ben Hammouda, Director of the Trade and Regional Integration Division, ECA*

11:45 – 12:30 Presentations

(a) **An Analysis and Evaluation of Africa’s Approach to Trade Negotiations**

(i) **Presenter:** Professor Femi Fajana of the African Union;

(b) **What Should be Africa’s Strategies for Future Negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda?**

(ii) **Presenter:** Dr. Dominique Njinkeu, Executive Director of International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty (ILEAP);

(iii) **Discussant:** H.E. Ambassador Nathan Irumba, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to the WTO

12:30 – 13:30 General Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

Session III: Review of Africa’s Positions in Keys Areas of the DDA

14:30 – 16:30 Break-Out Sessions

Group 1: Agriculture

Lead Discussant and Chairman: Dr. Magdi Farahat (Egypt)

Group 2: Non-Agricultural Market Access

Lead Discussant and Chairman: Mr. Inye Briggs (Nigeria)

Group 3: Cotton

Lead Discussant and Chairman: Mr. E. Laourou (Benin)

Group 4: Singapore Issues

Lead Discussant and Chairman: Mr. Iba Mar Oulare (Senegal)

Group 5: Development Issues

Lead Discussant and Chairman: Mr. Nelson Ndirangu (Kenya)

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee Break

16:45 – 18:30 Break-Out Sessions Continue (Continued)

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09:30 – 13:00 Preparation of Recommendations by the Secretariat

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break

Session IV: Adoption of Recommendations

Chairperson: *Ms. Elizabeth Tankeu, Trade and Industry Commissioner, AU*

14:30 – 17:00 Discussion of Recommendations

17:00 – 17:15 Coffee Break

17:15 – 17:45 Discussion of Recommendations (Continued)

17:45 – 18: 00 Closing Remarks

30 November

DEPARTURE