



*Economic Commission for Africa*

# **Economic and Welfare Impacts of the EU-Africa Economic Partnership Agreements**

**Consultative Technical and Planning Meeting between TRID and the  
SROs**

**Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, ECA Offices  
UNCC Caucus Room 11  
Date: 29 July 2004**

## ***Justification***

The Economic Partnership Agreements negotiations under the Cotonou Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries have entered their second phase. In Africa, negotiations have been launched between the EU and ECOWAS and also between the EU and the Eastern and Southern African states (ESA). Negotiations between the EU and some of the Southern African countries not participating through ESA were expected to be launched any time.

It is anticipated that different players will play various roles in ensuring that the outcome of these negotiations is beneficial to Africa. In this context, different organisations at the country, regional and international level are carrying out work towards this end. At the country level, the EU is facilitating EPAs impacts studies. At the regional level, the Regional Economic Communities' Secretariats are spearheading efforts to analyse impacts and negotiation positions at the regional level. The Trade and Regional Integration Division under the ATPC work-programme have initiated a EPAs impact analysis study. The TRID initiative is within the context of implementing the decisions made at the ECA's December retreat where the subject of EPAs was discussed.

As a follow-up to the concept paper sent to the SROs last month, TRID would like to organise a meeting with all the SROs to be held in Addis Ababa on 29 July 2004. The meeting agenda is presented below:

## ***Meeting Agenda***

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<b>0900 – 0930hrs:</b>	Registration, UNCC Caucus Room 11
<b>0930 – 0940hrs:</b>	Overview of the meeting's expectations, <i>Director, TRID</i>
<b>0940 – 1000hrs:</b>	Opening Remarks, <i>Deputy Executive Secretary, ECA</i>
<b>1000 – 1030hrs:</b>	Presentation of the Concept Paper of the ECA Study, <i>Stephen Karingi, TRID</i>
<b>1030 – 1115hrs:</b>	Discussions and comments on the concept paper
<b>1115 – 1130hrs:</b>	Tea/Coffee Break
<b>1130 – 1215hrs:</b>	Presentation of the Methodology to be used in the study – Modelling frameworks and the data, <i>Stephen Karingi, TRID</i>
<b>1215 – 1300hrs:</b>	Discussions and comments on the research methodology
<b>1300 – 1500hrs:</b>	Lunch Break
<b>1500 – 1700hrs:</b>	Discussions on collaboration and coordinating mechanisms between RECs, member states, ECA (SROs and TRID) <i>Director, TRID</i>
<b>1700hrs</b>	Close of Meeting