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Announcement in Brief

Course Type : Online Course

Programme Area : Trade and Development

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Duration : 4 Weeks

Language : Bilingual (French / English)

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Programme Rationale

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement represents the most ambitious project of economic integration in Africa since the creation of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and it is one of the pillars of the African Union Agenda 2063. Its main objective is to create a single continental market for goods and services, with free movement of people and investments, in order to promote intra-African trade, reduce dependence from foreign markets, improve competitiveness, support economic transformation and pave the way for the establishment of a customs union in Africa.

Even before the establishment of AfCFTA, African countries have entered into couples of preferential trade agreements/arrangements (PTAs) with little or no effects on their trade performance and hence poor development outcomes. Various factors accounted for this observed dismal performance of which effective implementation is chief. If fully implemented, the AfCFTA would allow member States to make important progress towards industrialization and economic development, to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while laying the conditions for the promotion of peace and stability in the Continent.

For the AfCFTA to achieve the laudable goals as well as for effective implementation of PTAs by African countries, capacity building is key. Based on this background, a distance learning programme on effective implementation of AfCFTA is being organized with a view to equip participants mainly policy makers at national, regional and continental levels and private sector stakeholders with relevant knowledge. Two levels of capacity building activities - public and private sectors are planned. The target countries are eight (8) namely: Angola, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Senegal, Uganda, and Tanzania.

Objectives

The course aims to build the capacity of African government officials at national, regional and continental levels equip them with the necessary tools to design, negotiate, implement, monitor and evaluate PTA with particular focus on the AfCFTA. In addition, the course intends to build the capacity of the private sector stakeholders in trade with a view to provide them necessary tools to understand the existence and content of the various PTAs and strategize to take advantage.

Content

The course will cover the following modules:

- **Module 1:** Trade, Regional Integration and Sustainable Development
- **Module 2:** Understand the role and place of ZLECAF in trade and regional integration of Africa
- **Module 3:** Making AfCFTA promote Sustainable Development: The Role and Place of Different

Skill To Be Imparted

At the end of the course, participants will have :

- Knowledge of the role and place of trade and regional integration in the promotion of sustainable development.
- Knowledge of the content of AfCFTA agreement. Knowledge of the understanding of the various provisions and their current status. Knowledge of the importance of AfCFTA in the promotion of intra-African trade and regional integration of Africa.
- Knowledge of the role and place of different stakeholders in the implementation of AfCFTA agreement with focus on the government, and private sector.

Pedagogical Approach and Mode of Delivery

This online course will be delivered from 10th July 2023 to 4th August 2023. Virtual sessions are also planned for more interaction between the pedagogical team and the learners. These latter are able to self-assess their understanding of learning materials through built-in quizzes and exercises.

Additional resources, including suggested readings, bibliographies, Internet links and optional reading are provided for participants who wish to deepen their knowledge on a course topic.

The course will be delivered in English and French. The pedagogical team comprised of a Course Director and the tutor will provide daily on-line assistance to participants at scheduled times. An Internet connection is required to interact with both Course Director and tutor.

The course will run over a period of five (04) weeks. The fourth week will be dedicated to a final evaluation or exam that will assess participants' knowledge.

Certificate of Completion

A Certificate of Completion will be issued by IDEP to all participants who successfully complete the final exam.

Acceptance to the Course

Until the registration deadline, participants are accepted to the course on a rolling basis and subject to availability of slots. Please refer to the paragraph below to see priority target group. Applications must be completed exclusively on IDEP online application platform at :

<https://idep-applications.uneca.org/>

Target Audience

The course targets policy makers and private sector stakeholder groups in the area of trade especially those that are involve and critical to making the AfCFTA promote sustainable development with special focus on these eight (8) countries: Angola, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Senegal, Uganda, and Tanzania.

Technical Requirements

Access to Internet is an essential condition for participation. The following specifications, as a minimum in terms of hardware and software, are required to take this e-Learning course, please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

- Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; Mac OS 9 or Mac OS X; Linux
- Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space
- Software:
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader
 - Adobe Flash Player
 - Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office
 - Browser: Internet Explorer 7 or higher or Firefox 36 or higher
- Modem: 56 K
- Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled

Important Dates

- Deadline for Applications: **5th July 2023**
- Course Period: **10th July 2023 to 4th August 2023**

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