



United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Virtual Workshop with Students, Staff and other stakeholders of the COMESA Masters Programme in Regional Integration (Kenyatta University and University of Mauritius)

Focusing on two ECA Publications

The 10th Edition of the Report on Assessing Regional Integration in Africa (ARIA X) on the theme: “Services Trade Liberations and integration within the AfCFTA”

and

The Report on “Governing the interface between the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and Regional Economic Communities (RECs)”

7th April 2022

(08:00 – 13:30 Lusaka, Zambian time which is + 1 hour for Ethiopian time)

Programme of work

Presentation and discussion of tenth edition of the report entitled <i>Assessing Regional Integration in Africa</i>, addressing services trade liberalization and integration within the African Continental Free Trade Area	
7 April 2022	
8:00 am– 8:30 am	Registration
8:30am – 9:00 am	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of ECA • Representative of Kenyatta University • Representative of University of Mauritius • Representative of COMESA Secretariat
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Presentation of key findings and recommendations of the tenth edition of <i>Assessing Regional Integration in Africa</i> – Mr. Francis Ikome, Chief, Regional Integration Section, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA Panel Discussion on the 10th edition of <i>Assessing Regional Integration in Africa</i> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panelist: Ms. Dede Gafa, RITD/ECA Fellow • Panelist: Mr. Christopher Otieno Omolo, RITD/ECA Consultant on FMPs <p>➤ Open interactive discussion/questions and answers</p> Moderator: Mr. Frederick Msiska - TRADCOM Project Coordinator
11:00 am – 11:20 am	Health break
Presentation and discussion of the report on governing the interface between the African Continental Free Trade Area and regional economic communities	
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11:20 am – 13:20 pm	Presentation of key findings and recommendations of AfCFTA – RECs Interface Report – Mr. Vital Habinshuti, RITD/ECA Consultant on ARIA X and AfCFTA-RECs interface Panel discussion on the report on governing the interface between the African Continental Free Trade Area and regional economic communities Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panellist: Dr. Francis Mangeni, formerly of COMESA and AfCFTA Secretariat • Panellist: Mr. Caesar Cheelo - Researcher - TRADCOM Project <p>➤ Open Interactive discussion/questions and answers</p> Moderator: Prof. Garth Le Pere, University of Pretoria
13:20 pm– 13:30pm	Wrap-up and end of event Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA