Seminar on the potential impact of the African Continental Free Trade Area on the Maghreb economies
Rabat (Morocco), 11-12 November 2019

Draft programme of work

Day 1: Monday 11 November 2019

08h30 – 08h45 Registration
08h45 – 09h15 Opening Statements
   – Mrs. Lilia Naas Hachem, Director, ECA Subregional Office for North Africa
   – H.E. Mrs. Claudia Wiedey, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation to Morocco
   – H.E. Dr. Taïeb Baccouche, Secretary-General of the AMU
   – H.E. Mr. Moulay Hafid Elalamy, Minister of Industry, Trade and Green and Digital Economy

09h15 – 09h30 Keynote speaker, Mr. Stanlake Samkange, Director, Policy and Program of the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) « AfCFTA and the creation of jobs in Africa »

09h30 – 10h30 Mr. Souleymane Abdallah, Economist (ECA-ACPC) « Findings of impact estimates at continental and sub-regional level »
   – Discussion

10h30 – 10h45 Coffee break

10h45 – 13h30 A panel discussion on Maghreb private dynamics, opportunities and challenges
Facilitator: Tbc, Delegation of the European Union to Morocco
Panelists
   – Mrs. Nermine Abulata, Advisor to the Minister of Trade and Industry, Egypt
   – Mr. Mohamed Badr, Senior advisor (PAM)
   – Mr. Moundher Mimouni, Head of Trade and Market Intelligence, International Center for Trade
   – Mr. Slim Othmani, Circle for Action and Reflection on Companies (CARE), Algeria
   – Discussion

13h30 – 14h45 Lunch
14h45 – 17h45  **Panel on the role of the financial sector for the success of AfCFTA**

**Facilitator:** Mr. Noureddine Zekri, Director General, Maghreb Bank for Investment and Foreign Trade (BMICE)

**Panelists**

– Mr. Mohamed Vall El Alem, Secretary-General, Union of Maghreb Bank

– Tbc, Attijariwafa Bank

– Tbc, Casablanca Finance City

– Mr. Walid Loukil, Founder of the ‘Conseil des Entreprises Tunisie-Afrique, Tunisia

– Tbc, AFREXIM Bank

– Discussion

16h00 – 16h15  **Coffee break**

16h15 – 17h45  **Continuation of the Panel’s discussions**

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**Day 2: Tuesday 12 November 2019**

09h00 – 12h30  **Panel on the lessons learned from the first phase of the negotiations and the challenges regarding the second phase**

**Facilitator:** Mrs. Lilia Naas Hachem, Director, Office for North Africa, ECA

09h00 – 09h30  **Support tools for the implementation of AfCFTA**

– African Trade Observatory ATO, AUC

**Panelists**

– The chief negotiators of the 5 member countries of the AMU

– Discussion

11h00 – 11h15  **Coffee break**

11h15 – 12h45  **Continuation of panel discussions**

12h45 – 13h00  **Closing statements**

13h00  **Lunch**