



Seminar on the potential impact of the
African Continental Free Trade Area on the
Maghreb economies

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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. Nouredine 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*

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*