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Programme

Simultaneous interpretation in French and English

Day 1 - Monday, 28 November 2016

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

New building

entrance

(Mozambique

Street)

Africa Union HQ

09.00 - 09.30 Opening

Nelson Mandela Welcoming Remarks

Hall

- **H.E. Mrs Fatima Haram Acyl**, African Union Commissioner for Trade and Industry
Remarks by
- **H.E. Dr Abdalla Hamdok**, Acting Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Keynote Address by

- **Dr Mukhisa Kituyi**, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, UNCTAD

Moderated by

- **Mark Eddo**, Founder of Mark Eddo Media & Host of the Pan-African TV show '*Exchange with Mark Eddo*'

Plenary

09.30 - 11:00

Nelson Mandela

Hall

Session 1: Towards a Coherent Approach to Achieving Agenda 2063 Through the CFTA

Session 1 opens with a key note address, followed by a Davos-style panel discussion. The address will review the state of play of the trade agenda informed by the aspirations of Agenda 2063 and the Abuja Treaty. Discussions will include the CFTA, the mega-regional agreements, EPAs, AGOA and the WTO. The address will make a case for anchoring the African trade agenda as well as ensuring African industrial development and structural transformation through the CFTA. The session will showcase the experience of other developing regions. With a particular focus on regions that have facilitated a strategic approach to their external trade agreements through a consolidated regional internal market policy framework.

Presentation by

- **Ambassador Faizel Ismail**, Former Ambassador of South Africa to the WTO and Adjunct



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Professor at the University of Cape Town

Panel

- **Mr Rob Davies**, Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa
- **Dr Mukhisa Kituyi**, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, UNCTAD
- **Dr Nana Appiagyei Dankoso**, Chairman, Ghana Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI)
- **Dr Yao Graham**, Executive Director, Third World Network, Africa
- **H.E. Mrs Fatima Haram Acyl**, African Union Commissioner for Trade and Industry

Chaired by

- **Mark Eddo**, Founder of Mark Eddo Media & Host of the Pan-African TV show 'Exchange with Mark Eddo'

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee/Tea Networking Break – **Main Lobby**

11:30 - 13:00 **Session 2 - Plenary: Structural Transformation Through the Continental Free Trade Area**

This session discusses the potential contribution of intra-regional trade to the industrialization and structural transformation of African economies. The session will consider the opportunities of the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) on trade in goods and services as well as investment.

Presentation by

- **Mr David Luke**, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, UNECA

Panel

- **Mr Parastus Nepolo**, Chairperson, Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Prof James Gathii**, Loyola University, Chicago, USA
- **Ms Nalunga Jane Seruwagi**, SEATINI
- **Mrs Moono Mupotola**, Director NEPAD Regional Integration and Trade, AFDB

Chaired by

- **Mr Okechukwu Enelamah**, Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry, Nigeria

13:00 - 14:00 Networking Lunch

Parallel Sessions

14:00 - 15:30 **Session 3a.**

*Small
Conference
Room 3*

AGOA and the CFTA

This session will look at AGOA implementation over the remaining period of the legislation

Presentation by

- **Mr Simon Mevel**, Economic Affairs Officer, African Trade Policy Centre, UNECA

Panel



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granting the trade preference up to 2025. It will also reflect on the future of Africa-US trade relations beyond AGOA and formulate recommendations on the type of trade arrangements that will support Africa's regional integration agenda.

- **Mrs Usha Dwarka-Canabady**, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mauritius
- **Mrs Moono Mupotola**, Director NEPAD Regional Integration and Trade, AfDB
- **Mrs Nancy Gitonga**, Coordinator for East African Women in Business Platform (EAWiBP)
- **Mr Stephen Lande**, President, Manchester Trade
- **Amb. Mary Beth Leonard**, Representative of the United States of America to the African Union

Moderated by

- **Mr Rob Davies**, Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa

14:00 - 15:30

Session 3b.

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Room 4*

Africa - Asia Trade and Investment Partnerships

Africa-Asia trade and investment flows have grown considerably over the last two decades. Regular major events between Africa and Asian partners such as the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, Confederation of Indian Industry, Export-Import Bank of India, and the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) are on the rise. Deepened Africa-Asia partnerships have the potential to offer great opportunities for both African and Asian nations, especially in the context of the emergence of mega-regional trade blocs. This session will focus on how Africa can unlock these opportunities.

Presentation by

- **Mr Franklyn Lisk**, Professor of African and International Political Economy, Warwick University, UK

Panel

- **Prof Ammom Mbelle**, University of Dar es Saalam, Tanzania
- **Mr Yaduvendra Mathur**, Chairman and Managing Director, EXIM Bank of India
- **Ms Sanusha Naidoo**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Global Dialogue, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Chaired by

- **Mr Immanuel Ngatjizeko**, Hon. Minister of Trade, Namibia

14:00 - 15:30

Session 3c.

*Nelson Mandela
Hall*

Africa - EU Economic and Trade Cooperation

Europe remains Africa's biggest trading partner. This session will focus on the EPAs as well as the future evolution of Africa-EU economic and trade

Panel

- **Mr Okechukwu Enelamah**, Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry, Nigeria
- **Lord Paul Boateng**, Member of the UK House of Lords



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cooperation. Discussions will also include the implications of Brexit for Africa.

- **H.E. Mr Ranieri Sabatucci**, Head of the European Delegation to the AU
- **Mr. Maximiliano Mendez-Parra**, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Moderated by

- **Mr Tom Pengelly**, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Saana Consulting

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee/Tea Networking Break – **Main Lobby**

Plenary Session

16:00 - 17:30 **Session 4: RECs Perspectives on fast-tracking the CFTA**

Nelson Mandela Hall

A key feature of Africa's regional integration landscape is overlapping membership, which exists among the Regional Economic Communities. One of the specific objectives of the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) and the Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) was to resolve the challenges of overlapping memberships. The session will look at current status of integration in Africa and assess the progress toward an integrated African market.

Presentation by

- **Mr. Prudence Sebahizi**, Head of CFTA Support Unit, AUC

Panel

- **Dr Francis Mangeni**, Director of Customs and Trade, COMESA
- **Mr Peter Kiguta**, Director General, Trade and Customs, EAC
- **Mr Laouali Chaibou**, Commissioner for Trade, Customs, Free Movement and Tourism
- **Mrs Trudi Hartzenberg**, Executive Director, TRALAC
- **Mr Joseph Atta-Mensah**, Principal Economic Adviser, UNECA
- **Ms Martine Julsaint Kidane**, UNCTAD
- **H.E. Amb. Cheik Sidi Diarra**, former UN Under-Secretary General in charge of LDCs, Landlocked and Small Island Countries

Chaired by

- **H.E. Dr. Anthony Mothae Maruping**, African Union Commissioner for Economic Affairs

End of Day 1



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Tuesday, 29 November 2016

09.00 - 10:30 **Parallel sessions**
Session 5a.

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Civil Society Engagement with the CFTA Process

Two aspects of the CFTA are critical to its legitimacy in Africa and thus its sustainability. The first concerns the extent to which in substance it addresses the developmental challenges of African countries and meets the needs and interests of ordinary people across Africa. The second relates to the space created in the CFTA processes (design, negotiation and adoption) for African citizens and socio-economic group to input their perspectives and concerns. Engagement of civil society with the CFTA is critical on both counts. And on both counts, the agenda and processes of the CFTA give cause for concern. The CFTA processes adopted so far have had little space for the involvement of civil society, the private sector and to some extent even the regional economic communities that are meant to be the building blocks of Africa's integration, all to meet the ambitious 2017 deadline adopted by Africa's Heads of State for the conclusion of the CFTA. Furthermore, the principles adopted by the Heads of State to guide the negotiations seem to have been translated to privilege greater and faster liberalisation and deregulation as the motor of the CFTA, which could give rise for concern in the light of Africa's experience with liberalisation and economic deregulation so far.

In this context, what are the challenges to civil society's engagement with the CFTA? And how can they be addressed to improve the legitimacy and chances of equitable outcomes of the CFTA?

Moderated by

- **Dr Yao Graham**, Third World Network-Africa

Panel

- **Ms Jane Nalunga**, Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI- Uganda)
- **Mr Tetteh Hormeku**, Third World Network-Africa
- **Mr Rangararai Machedze**, Southern African Development Community (SADC) Council of NGOs
- **Mr Babajide Sodipo**, Senior Advisor, Department of Trade and Industry, African Union Commission (AUC)



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Session 5b.

Capitalizing SMEs and the Private Sector for Africa's Transformation through the CFTA

African SMEs face significant barriers to accessing finance. The session will reflect on how to harness the free movement of capital through the CFTA to capitalize SMEs as vectors for Africa's transformation. The discussion will centre on the institutional and regulatory challenges of facilitating SMEs finance, as well as best practices that could be developed through CFTA common rules and policies.

Panel

- **Mr Kebour Ghenna**, PACCI
- **Ms Barbara Natukunda Kabuchu**, Uganda Investment Authority
- **Ms Nora Dihel**, World Bank
- **Mr Nathan De Assis**, Equity Capital Resources

Moderated by

- **Ms Laura Páez**, Chief, Investment Policy Section, ECA

09.00 - 10:30

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Session 5c.

Continental workshop on trade and gender: Gender dimensions of the CFTA

The CFTA is likely to significantly change the dynamics of Africa's trade within the continent and with others. For a truly inclusive and transformative CFTA, the ability of African countries to consider gender aspects of trade policy will be crucial. This session will discuss the current efforts on mainstreaming gender on the continent and ways to effectively promote equitable trade outcomes.

Negotiating an inclusive and gender-equitable CFTA

With the negotiations for the CFTA on-going, it is key to reflect on the gender differentiated impacts of trade and that gender inequalities are reduced rather than enforced. This session will focus on the actions that can be taken to ensure that gender considerations are reflected in the negotiations and in the CFTA provisions.

Presentation by Ms Anita Nayar, Director, Regions Refocus

Panel

- **Dr Halima Noor**, Senior Expert, CFTA Support Unit, AUC
- **Dr James Gathii**, Loyola University, USA

Moderator

- **Ms Thokozile Ruzvidzo**, Coordinator, African Centre for Gender of UNECA



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10.30 - 11.30 Coffee/Tea Networking Break – **Main Lobby**

Parallel Sessions

11.30 - 13.00

Session 6a.

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Capitalizing on Emerging Opportunities for Agricultural Production and Trade under Climate Change in Africa

Climate change will substantially affect Africa's agriculture and food security. Trade can provide a mitigating mechanism by helping to channel food staples to areas in which production shocks have taken place. This session draws from the recent COP22 to expand understanding and discussion on these issues, particularly in the context of the CFTA.

Presentation by

- **Mr Jamie Macleod**, Trade Policy Fellow, African Trade Policy Centre, ECA
- **Ms Yodit Balcha**, Research Fellow, African Climate Policy Centre, ECA

Panel

- **Mr Paul Stanger**, Local Raw Material Sourcing, Heineken Netherlands
- **Mr Adama Ekberg Coulibaly**, Chief, Food Security, Agriculture and Land Section, ECA
- **Dr Phil Rourke**, Executive Director, Centre for Trade Policy and Law
- **Ms Carlo Fadda**, Country Representative, Biodiversity International

Moderated by

- **Mr Johnson Nkem**, Senior Climate Adaptation Expert, African Climate Policy Centre, ECA

11.30 - 13.00

Session 6b.

Caucus Room
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A Coalition for Regional Integration

Many initiatives on improving trade and regional integration are taking place at the level of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs). Notable examples include the one-stop border posts such as at Chirundu between Zambia and Zimbabwe in SADC. In East Africa, a Single Customs Territory framework agreement will allow goods to circulate freely while facilitating the collection and distribution of revenues among member states. Progress, however, has not been steady, raising questions about the commitments of members to support the regional and even bigger continental agenda. The session will present a political economy analysis of actors and factors driving and blocking the regional dynamics and review the concept of a coalition of

Panel:

- **Mr San Bilal**, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)
- **Mr Joe Amoako-Tuffour**, Director of Research, African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET)
- **Amb Faizel Ismael**, Adjunct Professor at Cape town University
- **Mr Jan Vanheukelom**, ECDPM
- **Mr Justin Bayili**, Borderless Alliance

Moderated by

Ms Kathleen Van Hove, ECDPM



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policymakers, politicians, researchers, and private sector to stimulate implementation of agreed initiatives, to find solutions to problems, and how to overcome impediments to day-to-day operational challenges.

11:30 - 13:00

Session 6c: Continental workshop on trade and gender: Gender dimensions of the CFTA (Part II)

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Building for capacities and opportunities for women in the CFTA

In addition to a gender sensitive trade agreement, it will be necessary to incorporate into CFTA implementation policy measures to promote the building of capacity of women to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the CFTA. This session will discuss initiatives to enhance the inclusion of women in intra-African trade and regional integration process in a meaningful way.

Panel:

- **Mr Nicholas Schlaepfer**, Senior Advisor, Women and Trade Programme, ITC
- **Ms Nancy Gitonga**, Coordinator for East African Women in Business Platform (EAWiBP)
- **Dr Christopher Changwe Nshimbi**, University of Pretoria
- **Ms Zodwa Mabuza**, TFTA Coordinator, COMESA Secretariat

Moderated by:

- **Representative**, Gender Directorate, AUC

13.00 - 14:00

Networking Lunch

Parallel Session

14:00 - 15:30

Session 7a: Regional Integration Index

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The Africa Regional Integration Index measures African countries' progress in implementing Africa's shared integration goals in terms of their integration with their respective regional economic communities. Covering 54 African countries, the Index aims to track progress in specific areas and provide a dashboard for policymakers showing their country's progress in various areas of regional integration. In addition, it provides a dataset that will support further analysis of regional integration in Africa. This session will discuss progress to date and future innovations on the index.

Presentation by

- **Ms Wafa Adi**, Economic Affairs Officer, Investment Policy Section, UNECA
- **Mr William Davis**, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, ATPC, UNECA on the first edition of the ARII

Panel

- **Ms Moono Mupotola**, *Director NEPAD Regional Integration and Trade, ADB.*
- **Dr René Kouassi**, Director, AUC Economic Affairs
- **Mr Emmanuel Ngok**, Economic Statistics and National Accounts section, ECA
- **H.E. Darlington Mwape**, ICTSD fellow and former Perm Rep of Zambia to the WTO.

Moderated by

- **Dr David Luke**, Coordinator, African



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Trade Policy Centre, ECA

14:00 - 15:30

Session 7b.

Panel

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Business perspectives on the CFTA

COMESA Business Council, East Africa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (EACCI), Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI), ECOWAS Commission, UNCTAD.

Trade negotiations are designed to create opportunities for business- which in turn can form an unbreakable welfare-enhancing-yet-poverty-dismantling chain, by extending the benefits through employment creation and government taxation. The CFTA presents an unprecedented opportunity to catalyse trade and investment in Africa - in agriculture, manufacturing, and services.

This session will provide a platform for dedicated discussion on how to realize the business promise of the CFTA. It will create a network for enhanced co-operation amongst business and key stakeholders in the CFTA process.

- **Dr Gbenga Gregory Obideyi**, Director for Trade, ECOWAS Commission
- **Mr Aminou Akadiri**, President, Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI)
- **Mr Charles N. Kahuthu**, CEO/Regional Coordinator, East African Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture
- **Mr Fudzai Madzivanyika**, Business Policy Advocacy Officer- Common Market for Eastern and Southern African Business Council (CBC)
- **Mr Alfred K'Omundo**, Senior Economist, East African Trade and Investment Hub.

Moderated by

- **Ms Amanda Bisong**, GIZ, Abuja.

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Session 7c.

Presentation by

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Emerging Markets Trade opportunities

Africa's trade has been dramatically shaped by the rapid rise of the emerging market economies such as China, India, Turkey and Brazil, over the last 15 years. Are these new trading relationships reinforcing Africa's traditional commodity dependence, do they open new avenues for export diversification and export-led industrialization, and what can African policymakers do to harness them? This session outlines the impact that these dramatic changes are having in Africa, analysing changes in export

Panel

- **Ms Paolo Giordano**, Principal Economist, Inter-American Development Bank
- **Mr Pranav Kumar**, Head of International Trade Policy, Confederation of Indian Industry
- **Mr Neil Balchin**, Research Officer, Overseas Development Institute



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and import composition, the commodity price boom, export diversification, geographical linkages and endowments-based trade.

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee/Tea Networking Break – **Main Lobby**

Parallel sessions

16:00 - 17:30

Session 8a.

Presentation by OIF

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The Role of Start-up Incubations in the CFTA World

The Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) has launched a programme, which aims at setting up start-up incubators in 14 African countries. This initiative aims to assist young entrepreneurs to understand the legal and regulatory environment in which they operate. The session aims at disseminating information to the private sector on the potential opportunities for MSMEs under the CFTA in a pan-African integrated market.

Panel

- **Mr Amine Belkhadir**, Consultant, Accélérateur du Commerce International, Morocco
- **Mrs Regina Mbodj**, Director General, The incubator CTIC Dakar, Senegal
- **Mr Veganaden Marden**, Chairman, Synergie Jeunes, Mauritius
- **Mr Ali Kotoko**, Project officer, OIF

Moderator by

- **Ms Cécile Léqué Folchini**, Acting Permanent Representative of the OIF in Addis-Ababa to the UA and UNECA

16:00 - 17:30

Session 8b.

Caucus Room
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Human Rights Impact Assessment of the CFTA

Although the CFTA is expected to boost intra-African trade and create aggregate gains for the continent, the distribution of these gains will be key. This session will present a Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) approach to the CFTA with the view to providing policy recommendations for ensuring an equitable and fair CFTA agreement regarding the right to food, livelihoods, employment, and freedom of movement.

Presentations by

- **Prof. James Thuo Gathii**, HRIA Project Lead
- **Ms. Kim Burnett**, HRIA team, Agriculture
- **Mr. Chris Nshimbi**, HRIA team, Cross-border trade

Panel

- **Mr. Joel Akhator Odigie**, International Trade Union Congress
- **Dennis Matanda**, Manchester Trade, USA

Moderated by

- **Ms. Yvonne Theemann**, (FES, Geneva Office)



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The Single Window and Electronic Business Standards for Handling

Trade is a largely private sector activity. Trade facilitation should mean, at its most fundamental level, making trade easier. Global supply chains are demanding more efficient Government licensing and customs processes, together with faster, more efficient movement of goods through port and terminal operations to improve national import and export performance. This session will provide the chamber of commerce perspectives for using ICT to facilitate trade

Panel

- **Mr Peter Bishop**, Chair, International Chamber of Commerce, World Chamber Federation International CO Council, London/UK
- **Mr Eric Lukoye**, Assistant Manager, Business Process Re-Engineering, KenTrade, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Mr Mor Talla DIOP**, International Business Development Director, GAINDE 2000, Dakar, Senegal.
- **Mr Martin Van der Weide**, Deputy Chair, International Chamber of Commerce, World Chamber Federation International CO Council, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Ethiopian Revenue and Customs Authority, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (TBC)

Moderated by

- **Dr Nana Appiagai Dankowasso**, President, Ghana Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

16:00 - 17:30

Networking Session 1.

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Smart Industrialization Through Trade

What can Africa do to structurally transform through industrialization? This session will argue, that trade and trade policy is a key part of the answer. The objective of this networking session will be to advance understanding on what needs to be done to ensure “smart industrialization through trade” across Africa.

Presentation by

- Ms. Lily Sommer, Trade Policy Fellow, African Trade Policy Centre, ECA

Panel

- **Mr Fitsum Arega**, Director General, Ethiopian Investment Commission
- **Mr Jean Bakole**, Representative and Director, UNIDO Regional Office, Ethiopia
- **Mr Joe Amoako-Tuffour**, Director of Research, African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET)

Moderator by

- **Mr Maximiliano Mendez-Parra**, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute

End of day 2



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Parallel Sessions

09.00 - 10:30

Session 9a.

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Trade Facilitation - A Priority For Chambers Of Commerce In Africa – PACCI

Trade facilitation is a priority for many chambers of commerce in Africa, and as the advocate organization for businesses in Africa, PACCI is committed to supporting chambers and their members about how to boost intra-Africa and global trade. This session will review the approach to trade facilitation from that serve the interests of African private sector operators.

Panel

- **Dr Joy Kategekwa** – Head, Regional Office for Africa, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Mrs Gizehwork Tessema**, CEO, GIZE PLC, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Mr Jalal Benhayoun**, Vice Chair, African Alliance for Electronic Commerce (AAEC), Rabat, Morocco
- **Mr Mohammed Chami**, Secretary General, Algeria Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Mr Laban Onditi Rao**, Vice Chairman, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Moderated by

- **Mr Alhaji Sanusi**, Vice President, Nigeria Association of Chambers, Industry, Mines and Agriculture

09.00 - 10:30

Session 9b.

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The UK All Parliamentary Group on Trading Out of Poverty

Since April 2016, the APPG-TOP has appointed a committee of distinguished experts to undertake an inquiry into the UK's Africa Free Trade Initiative (AFTI) which was launched by former Prime Minister David Cameron in July 2011. The Inquiry, took oral and written evidence - including from the AUC, UNECA, African policymakers, business leaders and heads of UN agencies. This session will review the recommendations of the report and how their implications for African trade and investment looking forward.

Panel

- **Lord Stephen Green**
- **Mr Ali Mufuruki**, Founder, Infotech Investment Group Ltd.
- **Mr Tom Pengelly**, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Saana Consulting
- **Mr David Luke**, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, ECA



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09.00 - 10:30	Session 9c.	Opening remarks
<i>Caucus Room 31</i>	Research and Capacity Building (Whole Day Session, See Annex)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Giovanie Biha, Deputy Executive Secretary for Knowledge Delivery, ECA
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee/Tea Networking Break – Main Lobby	
	Parallel Session	
11:00 - 12:30	Session 10a.	Panel
<i>Caucus Room 29</i>	Policy Dialogue on Best Practices in Negotiating Trade Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Bonapas Onguglo Head, Trade Analysis Section, UNCTAD • Mr Taisuke Ito, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, UNCTAD • H.E Ambassador Faizel Ismail, Former Ambassador of South Africa to the WTO and Adjunct Professor, University of Cape Town • H.E. Ambassador Nelson Ndirangu, Director, Economic Affairs and International Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kenya • Mr Babajide Sodipo, Senior Advisor, Department of Trade and Industry, AUC. • Ambassador Nathan Irumba, Executive Director SEATINI
	<p>To truly harness the potential of trade for development, trade negotiations must be a conduit for attainment of national development goals.</p> <p>This session will interrogate trends, dynamics and methods in negotiating the removal of trade barriers at multilateral, regional and bilateral level with a view to drawing policy recommendations for strengthening the development objective-policy-negotiation eco-system so that the CFTA can yield its' development dividend.</p>	
11:00 - 12:30	Session 10b.	
<i>Caucus Room 30</i>	Research and Capacity Building Continued	
11:00 - 12:30	Session 10c.	Panel
<i>Caucus Room 31</i>	The CFTA and Foreign Investments Regulation for Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rob Davies, Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa • Prof James Gathii, Loyola University, Chicago, USA • Ms Leila Kituyi, Tax Justice Network Africa • Leyou Tameru, Director, International Arbitration Africa
	<p>African investment regulation is marked by a myriad of Bilateral Investment Treaties and Double Taxation Treaties which favours foreign investors over their domestic and Africa counterparts. This session will consider how the proposed Pan-African Investment Code and the prospective African investment agreement in the CFTA could contribute to level the playing field and boost intra-African investments for Africa's</p>	<p>Moderated by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Laura Páez, Chief of Investment Policy Section, ECA



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transformation.

12:30 - 14:00

Networking Lunch

14.00 - 15:30

Parallel Sessions

Session 11a.

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Multi-stakeholder Engagement on the CFTA: Trade and Competition Policy

This session will discuss how African countries can use competition policy as a tool to foster economic integration that nurtures social and economic structural transformation. This session also provides a platform for African trade stakeholders to define the contribution of competition policy to the CFTA as well as reflect on how to mobilize support for competition policy to be integrated in the CFTA process.

Panel

- **Mr Pradeep S. Mehta**, Secretary General, CUTS International
- Representative, Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA)

Moderated by

- **Ms Joy Kategekwa**, Head, UNCTAD Regional Office for Africa

14.00 - 15:30

Session 11b.

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Enforcement of African Trade Agreements

Trade rules must be enforceable if they are to provide legal certainty. This session will focus on the variety of ways trade rules can, are and should be enforced in African Regional Economic Communities (RECs). It will examine the reasons accounting for private sector and public sector resort to non-tariff measures (NTMs) such as technical standards and other traditionally used instruments of commercial policy, e.g. quotas, price control, exports restrictions, or contingent trade protective measures, as well as other behind-the-border measures, such as competition, trade-related investment measures, government procurement or distribution restrictions. It will explore how to build confidence in the judicial settlement of trade disputes and how best to build legal and other forms of capacity to engage in such trade disputes. In addition, the session will examine comparative experiences of dispute settlement including from the WTO's dispute settlement system and what

Panel

- **Mr Henry Kibet Mutai**, Immediate former head of Kenya Industrial Property Institute
- **Mr Hilton Zunckel**, International Trade Lawyer, South Africa
- **Dr Jumoke Oduwole**, Senior Special Assistant to the President on Industry, Trade & Investment Office of the Vice President State House, Abuja

Moderated by

Office of the Legal Counsel, AUC



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lessons Africa's RECs and a future CFTA dispute settlement system may learn from it.

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Research and Capacity Building Continued

14.00 - 15:30

Networking Session 2.

Presentation by

Caucus Room

Economic Partnership Agreements: A Way Forward

• **Ms Heini Suominen**, Economic Affairs Officer, African Trade Policy Centre of UNECA

After years of controversial negotiations, EPAs are starting to emerge across Africa. A strategic approach will be required to ensure that the EPAs support rather than hinder Africa's integration and industrialization ambitions.

Panel

- **Dr David Primack**, Executive Director, ILEAP
- **Dr Peter Lunenborg**, Researcher, South Centre
- **Dr Samuel Oloruntoba**, Senior Lecturer, TMLI

Moderated by

- **Amb. Ajay Kumar Bramdeo**, Permanent Representative of the African Union to the European Union

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee/Tea Networking Break – **Main Lobby**

Closing Session

16.00 - 16:30

Closing Remarks by

- **H.E. Mrs Fatima Haram Acyl**, African Union Commissioner for Trade and Industry
- **Ms Giovanie Biha**, Deputy Executive Secretary for Knowledge Delivery, ECA

Annex 1:

Annex 1: Research and training Needs for Implementing the CFTA

This workshop is designed to raise awareness among African researchers on the continent trade liberalization and economic integration agenda. It will review the research and analytical support requirements and human and institutional capacities needed to implement the CFTA. The workshop will identify priority topics, methodologies and capacity building requirements. Participants will include junior and senior researchers, policy analysis, graduate students and university professors. Ultimately the workshop is expected to strengthen the research capacity of African researchers and institutions.

The workshop will begin with a keynote address focusing on a comprehensive and effective



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research and training input that will inform an Africa-owned and Africa-driven trade and regional integration agenda.

Opening remarks

- **Ms. Giovanie Biha**, Deputy Executive Secretary for Knowledge Delivery, UNECA

Moderated by

- **Dominique Njinkeu**, Executive Director, African Trade and Sustainable Development (AFTSD)
- **William Davis**, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, ATPC/UNECA

Session 1: Research priority themes for CFTA implementation.

This session will identify the main research themes and questions that should be prioritized for the implementation of the CFTA. The focus will be on (1) the role of trade in trade in goods and services deepening regional integration with inclusive growth and development, (2) measures to reduce trade costs and boost competitiveness such as to enable the African private sectors to effectively harness opportunities arising from the CFTA and regional integration.

Questions:

1. What kind of liberalization would be beneficial to Africa?
2. What institutional architecture is needed?
3. What flanking measures: trade facilitation, NTB, policy reform
4. How to take advantage of the CFTA or how do we build from current trade regime

Panelists:

- **Ogunkola Olawale**, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- **Francis Mangeni**, Director of Customs and Trade, COMESA
- **Francis Matambalaya**, Leipzig University, Germany
- **Timothy M. Shaw**, University of Ottawa, Canada

Session 2: Survey of economic/quantitative research methods.

This session will survey quantitative approaches for addressing the above research issues. Attention will be paid to mechanisms for effecting structural transformation. Discussion will include partial and general equilibrium modelling, econometric and survey data analysis. Discussions will also explore capacity building needs and opportunities for African researchers.

Panellists:

- **Simon Mevel**, Economic Affairs Officer, African Trade Policy Centre, ECA
- **James Cust**, Economist, Office of the Chief Economist, Africa Region, World Bank
- **Sekou Doumbouya**, Program officer, Africa Trade and Sustainable Development
- **Francis Matambalaya**: Leipzig University, Germany (innovation and enabling environment)
- **Mahlet Girma**, Economic Affairs Officer, African Trade Policy Centre, ECA.



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Session 3: This session will survey legal and institutional issues, including political economy of the trade and economic integration.

1. legal considerations in drafting effective trade agreements
2. Trade remedies, DSU, competition...
3. Political economy

Panellists:

- **James Gathii**, Loyola University, Chicago, USA
- **Tsotetsi Makong**, TRAPCA, Tanzania
- **Rosemina Nathoo**, Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Canada
- Kathleen Van Hove, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), Holland
- **Gerard Erasmus**, TRALAC

Session 4: Training needs

This session will survey human resources and training needs to identify short-term and medium, and long-term trade strategies to build capacity for Africa's structural transformation.

Panellists:

- **Peter Kiuluku**, Executive Director, TRAPCA
- **Simon Mevel**, Economic Affairs Officer, African Trade Policy Centre, ECA
- **Ursula Hermelink**, International Trade Center, Geneva
- **David Primack**, Executive Director, ILEAP

Session 5: Policy advice to the CFTA implementation

The session will review the policy support to the CFTA by development banks and think-tanks

- **Moussa P. Blimpo**, Economist, Office of the Chief Economist, Africa Region, World Bank
- **Ed Brown**, African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET) ACET
- **Faizel Ismail**, Former Ambassador of South Africa to the WTO and Adjunct Professor, University of Cape Town