

## Continental Workshop on Trade and Gender

### Working together for gender-sensitive implementation of the Agreement on the Establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area: the role of regional economic communities

16 December 2018

held in Cairo

#### Draft programme

<b>8 – 9 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>9 – 9.30 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Opening session</b></p> <p>The session will include opening remarks from the African Trade Policy Centre and the African Union Commission, and provide an overview of the project and the objectives of the meeting.</p>
<b>9.30 – 10 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Presentation of the key findings</b></p> <p>The African Trade Policy Centre will present the study concept and key messages that have emerged through the research. A strategy will be proposed for the engagement of regional economic communities (RECs) and other partners in the gender-sensitive implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement in member States.</p>
<b>10 – 11 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Discussion on the proposed strategy</b></p> <p>REC and gender experts are invited to discuss various topics, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alignment of the proposed strategy with their current policy frameworks</li> <li>- Comparative strengths and weaknesses on the different dimensions of the strategy</li> <li>- Current and potential partners</li> <li>- Challenges to the application of the strategy in their context</li> <li>- REC collaboration opportunities</li> <li>- Role of ECA and other partners</li> </ul>

<b>11 – 11.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee and tea break</b>
<b>11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Discussion on the proposed strategy (continued)</b>
<b>12.30 – 1 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Recommendations and closing</b></p> <p>The session will summarize the main recommendations from the discussion and the next steps forward.</p>
<b>1 – 2 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>2 – 4 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Participants are invited to join the Inter-Agency Task Force session</b></p> <p><i>“Empowering African women and young people in the new AfCFTA era – making AfCFTA a reality for women and young people”</i></p>