HYBRID Roundtable on Single Currency and Fintech to Boost Intra Africa Trade and Enhance AfCFTA Implementation

DRAFT PROGRAMME

23 to 24 August 2021
Radisson Blu Sea Plaza
Dakar, Senegal
## OPENING SESSION: Macro-Economic Policy in COVID-19 Era

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Olubunmi Makinwa, AUNIQUEI

**Introductory Remarks:**  
Mr. Adeyinka Adeyemi, Senior Advisor, UNECA (3mns)

**Goodwill remarks:**  
Mr. Aminou Akadiri, FEWACCI (3 mns)  
Dr. Ladi Raulatu Balakeffi, Central Bank of Nigeria (3mns)

**Opening Remark:**  
Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director, IDEP (10mns)

**Keynote Speaker:**  
David Luke, Professor in Practice and Strategic Director of Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa, LSE (Virtual) (20mns)

**SESSION 1: Digitalizing Trade Financing: Current Status and Trends in Africa**

**Moderator:**  
Dr. Jonathan Pinifolo, COMESA Business Council

**Kick-Off Speaker:**  
Dr. Segun Aina, African Fintech Network (Virtual)

**Panelists:**  
- Dr. Victoria Hasheela-Mufeti, University of Namibia  
- Jules Rommel Touka Tchakonte, ECCAS  
- Samaila Zubairu, African Finance Corporation (Virtual)  
- Dr. Henry Clarke Kisembo, Development Associates Link International (DALI)  
- Mr. Olubunmi Makinwa, AUNIQUEI

**SESSION 2: Payment Systems in Africa: Current Status and Trends**

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Ziad Hamoui, Borderless Alliance Ghana

**Kick-Off Speaker:**  
Dr. Co-Pierre Georg, University of Cape-Town (Virtual)

**Panelists:**  
- Mr. Louis Yaw Afful, AfCFTA Policy Network Ghana (Virtual)  
- Mr. Aminou Akadiri, FEWACCI  
- Mr. Charles Kahuthu, EACCIA  
- Dr. Jonathan Pinifolo, COMESA Business Council  
- Mr. Jack Ngare, Microsoft’s Africa Development Centre (ADC) (Virtual)

**Lunch Break**

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| 2.15 – 3.30 pm | **Moderator:** Dr. Segun Aina, African Fintech Network (Virtual)  
**Kick-Off Speakers:** Dr. Muazu Ibrahim, AfDB (Virtual)  
**Panelists:**  
- Ms. Bellinda Omino, PANAFSTRAG-East Africa  
- Mr. Dotun Ajayi, African Business Roundtable  
- Mr. Louis Yaw Afful, AfCFTA Policy Network Ghana (Virtual)  
- Mr. Ziad Hamoui, Borderless Alliance Ghana  
- Dr. Patrick Osakwe, UNCTAD (Virtual) |
| 3.30 – 3.45 pm | Tea / Coffee Break                           |

### SESSION 4: African Trade Insurance & Supply Chain Finance

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| 3.45 – 5.00 pm | **Moderator:** Mr. Judson Wendell Addy, African Private Sector Summit  
**Kick-Off Speakers:** Dr. Talkmore Chidede, AfCFTA Secretariat  
**Panelists:**  
- Mr. Manuel Moses, Mr. Kodjo Attaty, Mr. Kenneth Tanyi, African Trade Insurance Agency (ATI)  
- Dr. Henry Clarke Kisembo, Development Associates Link International (DALI)  
- Mr. Yeo Dossina, Economic Development, Trade, Industry & Mining Department, African Union Commission (Virtual)  
- Ms. Miishe Addy, Jetstream Africa |

### End of Day 1
### DAY 2: 24th August 2021

#### SESSION 5: Convergence Criterion: Is it Indispensable for Monetary Union for RECs?

**Moderator:**
Dr. Pantaleo Joseph Kessy, East African Community

**Kick-Off Speakers:**
Dr. Jean Cedric Kouam, Nkafu Policy Institute

**Panelists:**
- Ms. Christine Gartner, European Central Bank (Virtual)
- Mr. Salif Kone, University of Abidjan
- Dr. Martha Gertruida Van Niekerk, University of Limpopo
- Dr. Angella Faith Lapukeni Montfaucon, Research Fellow, Southern Africa Institute for Economic Research (SAIER) (Virtual)

**9.45 - 10.00 am** Tea / Coffee Break

#### SESSION 6: Monetary Unions in Africa – State and Support to overcoming the Challenges

**Moderator:**
Dr. Robert Dauda Korsu, Economic, Social and Financial Research Institute (ESFRI)

**Kick-Off Speaker:**
Mr. Jean Denis Gabikini, AUC
Dr. Martha Gertruida Van Niekerk, University of Limpopo

**Panelists:**
- Mr. Ibrahim A. Zeidy, COMESA (Virtual)
- Dr. Pantaleo Joseph Kessy, EAC
- Mr. Kouakou Hyppolite Konan, WAEMU (Virtual)
- Dr. Ladi Raulatu Balakeffi, Central Bank of Nigeria
- Mr. Emmanuel Awuni, AfCFTA Policy Network (Virtual)

**12.15 – 1.15 pm** Lunch Break

#### SESSION 7: Regulatory Governance and Convergence: The African Digital Trade Ecosystem for Stability

**Moderator:**
- Mr. Abdoulaye Seck, ECA AfCFTA Regional Consultant

**Kick-Off Speaker:**
Dr. Catherine Duggan, Director Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town (Virtual)

**Panelists:**
- Dr. Jamila Ksiksi, Tunisian National Assembly
- Mr. Jacob Opolot, Bank of Uganda
- Dr. Martha Gertruida Van Niekerk, University of Limpopo
- Mr. Thierry Amoussougbo, IDEP
### SESSION 8: African SDRS/Clearing Union for Equity in Trade Finance

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