

# Trade in the 21st century - Legal and Policy Considerations for Africa

Trade in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – is tralac's new short online course.

## Why should I enrol?

Navigating the challenges of trade policy and regulation has never been more complicated or more important. Africa needs to pursue a 21st century trade and integration regime, prioritizing the movement of capital and people, trade facilitation, regulatory disciplines and dispute settlement that is accessible to all parties, including the private sector. This has the potential to increase trade, create jobs and grow industries.

## Who should apply?

If you work in a national or regional government, or if you are involved in trade and investment across borders; then this course is an opportunity to engage with this trade agenda and learn how and why trade is so important for our social and economic development.

#### Outcomes

On completion of the course, you will be armed with the knowledge and skills to contribute to sustainable development and African Integration through trade.

### Students will be able to:

Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of international trade and regional integration, and how they apply in the African context.

Explain relevant legal and policy considerations for the development of a continent-wide free trade agreement.

Identify and articulate an appropriate strategy to contribute to free trade negotiations - from the perspective of their own organisation or interests.

Application period: 4 – 11 October 2017

Course format: Online/internet-based

Language of instruction: English

> Course fee: Free



### **Course Provider**

**tralac** is an independent non-profit trade law and policy think-tank with more than 15-years' experience in research, thoughtleadership and capacity building supporting Africa's pursuit of improved trade to support development.

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### **Course content:**

### Length:

6 weeks online

### Effort:

Average time per week 6-8 hours; consisting of:

- Approx. 50-60 minutes of lecture/video content
- Readings
- Online interaction
- Completion of assessments

## **Assessment:**

Participation in online learning

2 x short papers (weeks 3 and 5)

2 x quizzes (weeks 2 and 4)

Final online test (week 6)

Final assignment: Identifying trade negotiation participation strategies (Presentation/Oral Exam)

### **Curriculum:**

- 1. Rationale for International Trade and continental integration
- 2. Negotiating modern FTAs: trade in goods
- 3. The components of a 21st century trade agreement new generation trade issues
- 4. Developing a strategy for contributing to trade negotiations
- 5. Boosting intra-African trade
- 6. Review and assessment

