

tralac Annual Conference

22 & 23 March 2018
 Ubumwe Grande Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda
 The AfCFTA – opportunity for Africa



Day 1 • Thursday, 22 March 2018

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:00	<p><i>Welcome</i> Mr George Lipimile, Chair tralac Board</p> <p>Opening Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HE Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission
10:00 – 11:00	<p><i>The AfCFTA in a global trade governance context: supporting Africa's global integration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Honourable Chiedu Osakwe, AfCFTA Trade Negotiating Forum - Janvier Nkurunziza, UNCTAD
11:00 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p><i>AfCFTA Update and Way Forward</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Treasure Maphanga, Director for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission - Mr Prudence Sebahizi, AfCFTA Task Team
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p><i>Implementation Matters for the AfCFTA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate
15:30 – 16:00	Tea/Coffee
16:00 – 17:30	<p><i>The AfCFTA, TFTA and RECs: managing multiple integration agendas</i></p> <p>Panel discussion: African Union Commission, REC representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geoffrey Osoro, EAC Secretariat

19:00 - 22:00 **Gala Dinner**

Welcome – Mr George Lipimile (Chair: tralac Board)

Ambassadors: Sweden and United States

Guest speaker: (tbc)

Poster Presentations

Day 2 • Friday, 23 March 2018

08:30 – 09:00	Tea/Coffee
09:00 – 09:15	<i>Recap of Day 1</i> <i>Ashly Hope, tralac</i>
09:15 – 10:45	<i>AfCFTA Working for Business</i> Panel discussion: Africa's Regional Business Associations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Michael Lawrence, tralac Associate
10:45 – 11:15	Tea/Coffee
11:15 – 12:15	<i>AfCFTA Working for Women and Youth</i> Panel discussion: Women and Youth organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maria Immanuel, President's Office, Namibia
12:15 – 13:15	<i>Way Forward</i> CFTA preparations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The 'built-in' agenda- Phase 2 Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac
13:15	Close and Lunch

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