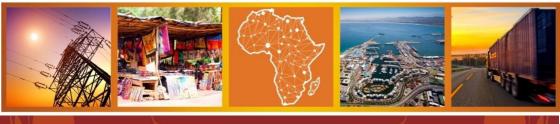
tralac Annual Conference

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	 Welcome Mr George Lipimile, Chair tralac Board and Chief Executive Officer, COMESA Competition Commission Opening Address His Excellency Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission 	
10:00 – 11:15	 AfCFTA Update and Way Forward Ms Treasure Maphanga, Director for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission Mr Prudence Sebahizi, Chief Technical Advisor for the AfCFTA, African Union Commission Chair: Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate 	
11:15 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee break	
11:30 – 13:00	 The AfCFTA in a global trade governance context: supporting Africa's global integration Ambassador Chiedu Osakwe, AfCFTA Trade Negotiating Forum Dr Janvier Nkurunziza, UNCTAD Chair: Dr Henry Mutai, tralac Associate 	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	 Implementation Matters for the AfCFTA Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate Mr Inye Briggs, African Development Bank Mr Wamkele Mene, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa Chair: Mr Anton Faul, Agriculture Trade Forum, Namibia 	
15:30 – 16:00	Tea/Coffee	
16:00 – 17:30	 The AfCFTA, TFTA and RECs: managing multiple integration agenda's Mr Geoffrey Osoro, East African Community (EAC) Secretariat Dr Jacob Kotcho, Economic Community of Central African Sates (ECCAS) Secretariat Dr. Gbenga Obideyi, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Secretariat 	
GALA DINNER and poster presentations (see separate programme)		

Day 2 • Friday, 23 March 2018		
08:30 – 09:00	Tea/Coffee	
09:00 - 09:15	Recap of Day 1 Ashly Hope, tralac	
09:15 – 10:45	 AfCFTA Working for Business Ms Ndiitah Nghipondoka Robiati, Namibia Trade Forum Mr Reginald Selelo, Botswana Investment and Trade Centre Mr Job Wanjohi Muriithi, Kenya Manufacturers' Association Daniel Machemba, Tanzania Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr Michael Lawrence, tralac Associate 	
10:45 – 11:15	Tea/Coffee	
11:15 – 12:15	 AfCFTA Working for Women and Youth Ms Carol Muumbi, Horticultural Crops Directorate, Kenya Ms LoideUushona, ProQuest Diagnostic Laboratories, Namibia Ms Winifred Ngangure, Rwanda Development Board (tbc) Chair: Ms Maria Immanuel, President's Office, Namibia 	
12:15 – 13:15	 Way Forward AfCFTA preparations for: Ongoing negotiations to complete phase 1 of the AfCFTA Phase 2 (investment, competition and intellectual property matters) A tralac agenda for the AfCFTA Ms Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac 	
13:15	Close and Lunch	

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tralac Annual Conference Dinner Programme 22 March 2018

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19:00 - 19:30	Guests arrive
19:30	Welcome: George Lipimile, Chair tralac Board
	Guest Speaker: The Honourable Justice Bernard Georges
20:00 - 21:00	Dinner
21:00 - 22:00	Poster Presentations
	Selected trade -related developments (details overleaf)
22:00	Formal Proceedings conclude

Poster Presentations

1.	AfCFTA and the Private Sector Presenters: Talkmore Chidede (tralac researcher) & Camille Andriamahatana (tralac intern)
2.	Boosting Women in trade through the digital economy Presenter: Maria Immanuel (Policy analyst and entrepreneur & tralac alumna)
3.	Commodity Dependency – Vulnerabilites vs Industrialisation & Development Discourse in Africa Presenter: Brian Mureverwi (Trade Advisor, African Union Commission & tralac alumnus)
4.	Economic Partnership Agreements Presenter: Benjamin Sadler (tralac intern)
5.	Financial inclusion and trade Presenter: Ashly Hope (tralac research coordinator)
6.	ICT Opportunities for Africa Presenter: John Stuart (tralac associate)
7.	Intra – Africa Agricultural Trade – An Overview Presenter: TakuFundira (tralac associate)
8.	Investment: Dynamic Effects of Continental Integration Presenter: William Mwanza (Consultant – World Bank & tralac alumnus)
9.	WTO Trade Facillitation and the AfCFTA Presenter: Elisha Tshuma (Director – VECT Management Services & tralac alumnus)