

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> <i>Mr George Lipimile, Chair tralac Board and Chief Executive Officer, COMESA Competition Commission</i></p> <p>Opening Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>His Excellency Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission</i>
10:00 – 11:15	<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, Chief Technical Advisor for the AfCFTA, African Union Commission <p>Chair: Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate</p>
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<p><i>The AfCFTA in a global trade governance context: supporting Africa's global integration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ambassador Chiedu Osakwe, AfCFTA Trade Negotiating Forum</i> - <i>Dr Janvier Nkurunziza, UNCTAD</i> <p>Chair: <i>Dr Henry Mutai, tralac Associate</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Implementation Matters for the AfCFTA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate - Mr Inye Briggs, African Development Bank - Mr Wamkele Mene, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa <p>Chair: Mr Anton Faul, Agriculture Trade Forum, Namibia</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
16:00 – 17:30	<p>The AfCFTA, TFTA and RECs: managing multiple integration agenda's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Geoffrey Osoro, East African Community (EAC) Secretariat - Dr Jacob Kotcho, Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) Secretariat - Dr. Gbenga Obideyi, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Secretariat <p>Chair: Mr Paul Kalenga, tralac Advisory Board</p>
<i>GALA DINNER and poster presentations (see separate programme)</i>	

Day 2 • Friday, 23 March 2018

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms Ndiitah Nghipondoka Robiati, Namibia Trade Forum</i> - <i>Mr Reginald Selelo, Botswana Investment and Trade Centre</i> - <i>Mr Job Wanjohi Muriithi, Kenya Manufacturers' Association</i> - <i>Daniel Machelamba, Tanzania Chamber of Commerce and Industry</i> <i>Mr Michael Lawrence, tralac Associate</i>
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
11:15 – 12:15	<i>AfCFTA Working for Women and Youth</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms Carol Muumbi, Horticultural Crops Directorate, Kenya</i> - <i>Ms LoideUushona, ProQuest Diagnostic Laboratories, Namibia</i> - <i>Ms Winifred Ngangure, Rwanda Development Board (tbc)</i> <i>Chair: Ms Maria Immanuel, President's Office, Namibia</i>
12:15 – 13:15	<i>Way Forward</i> <i>AfCFTA preparations for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ongoing negotiations to complete phase 1 of the AfCFTA</i> - <i>Phase 2 (investment, competition and intellectual property matters)</i> <i>A tralac agenda for the AfCFTA</i> <i>Ms Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac</i>
13:15	<i>Close and Lunch</i>

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tralac Annual Conference Dinner Programme

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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 – Vulnerabilities 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 Facilitation and the AfCFTA Presenter: Elisha Tshuma (Director – VECT Management Services & tralac alumnus)