



AfCFTA Stakeholder Workshop

18-19 October 2018

Sunsquare Hotel, Buitengracht Street, Cape Town, South Africa

Day 1

08:30	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome Introductions
09:30 – 11:00	<i>Session 1: Background, rationale and expectations for the AfCFTA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AfCFTA in the broader African integration and development agenda (Agenda 2063, AIDA, PIDA, ...) • Why have the AfCFTA? • What is the background? What should it achieve?
11:00 - 11:30	Tea break
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Session 2: Update on the African Continental Free Trade Area negotiations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background and update on the negotiations • The Rush for Ratification and Implications • Modalities for Tariff reductions, rules of Origin and Services Sectors: when and what? • Founding Agreement & Phase I Protocols (Trade in Goods, Trade in Services, Dispute Settlement) • Phase II: Investment, Competition Policy & Intellectual Property Rights
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15.30	<i>Session 3: Institutional Architecture and functions of the AfCFTA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship with Abuja Treaty & Regional Economic Communities • Assembly of Heads of State and Government • Council of African Ministers responsible for Trade • Committee of Senior Trade Officials • Secretariat
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Tea break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	<i>Session 4: Ongoing negotiations: Trade in Goods - making a free trade area work</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tariff concessions • Rules of origin

Day 2

08:30 – 08:45	Tea/coffee
08:45 – 10:30	<p><i>Session 5: Unfinished business – Phase I and Phase II negotiations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trade in services agenda in the AfCFTA • Sector commitments for priority sectors (financial services, communication, transport, professional services, tourism) <p>Phase II: Investment, Competition and Intellectual Property Rights</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Tea break
11:00 – 13:00	<p><i>Session 6: The AfCFTA and Regional Economic Communities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building on the acquis • What happens to intra-REC trade? • Overlapping membership
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p><i>Session 7: Conclusions – Why the AfCFTA must work and what will it take?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is the link to domestic Governance? • Where will the regional real action be – in RECs? • Are we neglecting the global trade dimension? • Can the AU manage trade governance? • Will AfCFTA be rules-based? Should it be rules-based? • Will there be dispute settlement? Where will Judges come from?
15:30	Close - Tea/coffee



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