



SACU at a Tipping Point?

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***This Workshop takes place under Chatham House Rules.**

Day 1

08:30	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome Why this workshop? Introductions
09:30 – 11:00	<i>Session 1: SACU Work Programme – Update</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue sharing arrangement • Industrialisation • An appropriate tariff management arrangement
11:00 - 11:30	Tea break
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Session 2: The Southern African Customs Union – Construct and Evolution</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Is the current SACU Agreement an effective and enabling instrument for 21st century economic realities?</i> • <i>Do we recognise practical commercial realities?</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15.30	<i>Session 3: SACU's Institutional Architecture</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Is the SACU design appropriate?</i> • <i>What is the record with respect to practice?</i> • Role of South Africa's International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC) • <i>Can SACU move forward without rules-based governance?</i>
15.30 – 16.00	Tea break
16:00 – 17:00	<i>Session 4: SACU and global economic governance</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Trade Organisation crisis • The SADC EPA and Brexit • US trade policy (and mid-term elections) and AGOA • BRICS – a meaningful relationship?

Day 2

<i>08:15 – 08:30</i>	Tea/coffee
<i>08:30 – 10:30</i>	<p>Session 5: <i>SACU in Africa</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SACU in SADC• Tripartite Free Trade Area - another layer of trade governance• African Continental Free Trade Area – rush to ratify, completing phase 1 and what about phase 2 negotiations?
<i>10:30 – 10:45</i>	Tea break
<i>10:45 – 11:30</i>	<p>Session 6: <i>South Africa and SACU</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Africa's domestic challenges – implications for SACU• South Africa's strategy for Africa?• How should South Africa look at SACU?
<i>11:30 – 13:00</i>	<p>Session 7: <i>What are the critical issues for SACU?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inappropriate legal and institutional framework• A hegemon facing its own domestic economic development and governance challenges• Where is the policy oxygen for the BLNe to support their industrialization and development?
<i>13:00 – 13:30</i>	Where to now?
<i>13:30</i>	Close and Lunch