



tralac Annual Conference Programme

21 & 22 March 2019

Amboseli Room, Hilton Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Africa's Integration Agenda - from Aspirations to Pragmatic Implementation



Day 1 • Thursday, 21 March

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Chair: Mr George Lipimile, Chair, tralac Board and Chief Executive Officer, COMESA Competition Commission</p> <p>Welcome:</p> <p>Opening Address: Ms Treasure Thembisile Maphanga, Director for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission</p> <p>Programme overview: Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac</p>
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Session 1: African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) – entry into force and implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Politics/diplomacy of entry into force Legal and practical issues: ongoing negotiations – tariff concessions, rules of origin, and services commitments Relationship between the AfCFTA, regional economic communities and other trading arrangements <p>Discussion</p> <p>Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate</p> <p>Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac</p>
11:15 – 11:30	Tea/coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 2: AfCFTA – Legal and institutional arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing for the establishment of key AfCFTA institutions Relationships between AfCFTA institutions and those of the African Union The AfCFTA Secretariat The AU Trade Observatory <p>Beatrice Chaytor, African Union Commission</p> <p>Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate</p> <p>Chair: Paul Kalenga, tralac Associate</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 3: Boosting intra-Africa Trade – Trade Facilitation on the AfCFTA agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade facilitation – a key focus in the Action Plan to Boost Intra-African trade, Mr Frank Matsaert, CEO, Trade Mark East Africa Practical interventions to support cross-border trade in goods and services, Mr Michael Lawrence, tralac Associate <p>Chair: Henry Mutai, tralac Associate</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Tea/coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Session 4: Industrial Development and Diversification – new approaches for Africa?</p> <p>Patrick Low, Adjunct Professor, University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Chair: Paulina Elago, Executive Secretary, Southern African Customs Union</p>
19:00 for 19:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Gala Dinner</p> <p>Host: Mr George Lipimile, Chair, tralac Board</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Florie Liser, President and CEO of the Corporate Council for Africa</p> <p>US Strategy for Africa – opportunities for Africa?</p>

Day 2 • Friday, 22 March

08:30 – 08:45	Tea/coffee
08:45 – 10:30	<p>Session 5: Global Trade Governance – where to now?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future of global trade governance and the World Trade Organisation, Mr Alan Wolff, Deputy Director General, World Trade Organisation • Brexit and trade wars – implications for multilateral trade governance? Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate <p>Chair: Patrick Low, Adjunct Professor, University of Hong Kong</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 6: Trade, foreign direct investment and illicit financial flows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification challenges and asymmetries in mirror data: commodity trade and illicit financial flows • Foreign direct investment and global value chains: where do revenues and profits go? <p>Professor Melvin Ayogu, Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town Paul Oluikpe, Assistant Director, Trade and Exchange Department, Central Bank of Nigeria</p> <p>Chair: Professor Rob Davies, tralac Board member</p>
12:30 - 13:30	<p>Session 7: Launch of tralac's Women in Trade Governance Network</p> <p>Keynote Address: Ms Treasure Thembisile Maphanga, Director for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission</p> <p>Distinguished Panel: Hon Lady Justice Chibesakunda, COMESA Court of Justice: COMESA Court of Justice's digital justice system Hon Judge Mary Kasango, COMESA Court of Justice, Paulina Elago, Executive Secretary, Southern African Customs Union, Maria Immanuel, The Presidency, Namibia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WiTG Network: Plans for 2019 - Core group for 2019
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Poster Sessions – Select trade issues</p> <p>Presenters: tralac Alumni</p> <p>How will this session work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 presenters and 6 topics (QR codes will provide access to the presentations) • 6 rounds of presentations (each presenter makes the presentation 6 times) • 10 minutes for each round (a bell will signal the end of each round) <p>Award: Best presentation</p>
15:30	Close, followed by cocktail function

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