



tralac Annual Conference Programme

21 & 22 March 2019

Tsavo Room, Hilton Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Africa's Integration Agenda - from Aspirations to Pragmatic Implementation



Day 1 • Thursday, 21 March

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00 – 10:00	Welcome: Mr George Lipimile, Chair tralac Board and Chief Executive Officer, COMESA Competition Commission Opening Address: Ms Treasure Thembisile Maphanga, Director for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission Programme overview: Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac
10:00 – 11:15	Session 1: African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) - entry into force and implementation <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 Lead in discussion: Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Session 2: AfCFTA - Legal and institutional arrangements <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 Beatrice Chaytor, African Union Commission Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate Chair: Paul Kalenga, tralac Associate
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

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 Matsuert, 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	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
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: Michael Lawrence, tralac Associate</p>
19:00 for 19:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gala Dinner (Amboseli Room)</i></p> <p><i>Host: Mr George Lipimile, Chair - tralac Board</i></p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker: Ms Florie Liser, President and CEO of the Corporate Council for Africa</i></p> <p>AFCFTA: Opportunity for Greater U.S.-African Trade and Investment</p>

Day 2 • Friday, 22 March

08:30 – 08:45	<i>Tea/coffee</i>
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: accommodating diversity and development, Patrick Low, Adjunct Professor, University of Hong Kong • Brexit and trade wars – implications for multilateral trade governance? Professor Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate <p>Chair: Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac</p>

10:30 – 11:00	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
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: <i>Launch of tralac’s Women in Trade Governance Network</i></p> <p>Keynote Address: Ms Treasure Thembisile Maphanga, Director for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission</p> <p>Distinguished Panel: Honourable Judge Mary Kasango, COMESA Court of Justice; 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	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 - 15:30	<p><i>Poster Sessions – Select trade issues</i></p> <p>How will the session work: Willemien Viljoen, tralac</p> <p>Presenters: tralac Alumni</p> <p>Award: Best presentation</p>
15:30	<i>Close, followed by cocktail function</i>

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