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- Prospects for trade-led industrialisation
- The AfCFTA as a framework for Africa’s industrialization – how can this work?
- Trade policy instruments, value chains and industrialization – case of Rules of Origin
- Gendered analysis of Africa’s value chains
- Addressing the challenges MSMEs face

John Stuart, tralac Associate
Eckart Naumann, tralac Associate
Emily Pender, tralac Researcher

Chair: Nditia Nghipondoka-Robiati, Deputy-Executive Director, Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade, Namibia

15:30 - 16:00 **Break**

16:00 - 17:00 **Session 5: The vocabulary of trade law and policy – are we all on the same page?**
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19:00 **Gala Dinner**

- Welcome: Dr George Lipimile
- Guest Speaker: Mr Elvin Nasilele, Chief Executive Officer, Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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**Friday, 17 May 2024**

08:30 - 09:00 **Recap of Day 1**
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09:00 - 10:30 **Session 6: Digital trade and IP: Focus on the creative economy**

John Stuart, tralac Associate
Dr Talkmore Chidede, Digital Expert, AfCFTA Secretariat
Abrie du Plessis, tralac Associate
Maria Immanuel, tralac Alumna
Alastair Tempest, E-commerce Forum of Africa

Chair: Zodwa Mabuza, African Development Bank

10:30 - 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 12:30 **Session 7: Private Sector Perspectives: Trading under the AfCFTA and REC trading regimes**

- **Business and the AfCFTA**
  - Trading under Regional Economic Community regimes and the AfCFTA
  - Addressing practical trade challenges: what can be done to reduce the transaction costs of doing business, to improve border governance, to eliminate non-tariff barriers?

Chair: Mr Brian Lingela, Executive Director, Zambia Competition and Consumer Competition Commission

12:30 - 13:00 **Way Forward**
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13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch**

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