Session 5: Terms and Concepts: Vocabulary of Trade Law and Policy
AfCFTA Terms and Clarifications

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In this session we explain select terms and concepts used in the AfCFTA legal instruments:

- Difference between an FTA and a CU
- Definition of the AfCFTA Agreement
- Difference between General and Specific Objectives
- The Acquis
- AfCFTA building blocks
• What happens to RECs?
• Single undertaking
• Reservations
• Amendments
• Entry into force and Article 23
• Ratification
• How will Protocols enter into force?
• Implementation of AfCFTA
• Trade with third parties
• Reciprocity
• Consensus
• The Tariff Negotiating Modalities are part of the Agreement (Art 8(1) Protocol on Trade in Goods)
• Role of definition clauses
• Will there be disputes under the AfCFTA?
From the audience...