

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – 4 October 2010: Review of Regional Integration Agenda

09:00 – 09:20	Registration
09:20 – 10:00	<p>Introductions – Expectations (key issues of interest)</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Course Outline and Objectives Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac Gerhard Erasmus, tralac</p>
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Session 1: Overview of Regional Integration Developments (part 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Integration Objectives in Africa - Review of Continental Integration Agenda - An African Paradigm for Regional Integration? - Brief Overview of Comparative Experience in Africa - Select International Experience (Proliferation of Regional Trade Agreements – scope, objectives, implementation)
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Tea break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 2: Regional Integration – A Linear Model? (part 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free Trade Area - Customs Union - Common Market <p>Definitions, Implications for Member States (policy space considerations), Legal and Institutional Development for Implementation (including rules of origin for FTAs, Tariff Management and Revenue Sharing for Customs Unions, Integration of Factor Markets – incl. movement of people, for Common Markets)</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 3: Regional Integration: A linear Model? (part 2)</p> <p>Monetary Union Regional integration and macro-economic policy considerations, institutional issues (Central Bank)</p> <p>Political Federation Unitary state vs. Federation</p> <p>A Political Integration Agenda for East Africa in the context of the continental integration plan</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Tea break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Session 4: External Relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Partnership Agreements Overview, Review of Draft Text

DAY 2 – 5 October 2010: WTO Compatibility Issues for Regional Integration

09:00 – 09:30	Review of Day 1
09:30 – 11:00	Session 5: World Trade Organisation (WTO) and Regional Integration in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rules-based governance of international trade- International context for regional integration in Africa- WTO Compliance
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Tea break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Session 6: WTO Rules for Agreements Covering Trade in Goods <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)- Article XXIV GATT (1994)- Enabling Clause (1979)
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session 7: WTO rules for Agreements Covering Trade in Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)- Article 5 GATS <p>Role of services in economic development, competitiveness</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Tea break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Session 8: Notification and Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Notification Requirements (for trade in goods and trade in services)- Transparency Mechanism- Domestic Implementation Issues (Constitutional Requirements, domestic policy, legal and institutional implications)

DAY 3 – 6 October 2010: Tripartite Free Trade Area

09:00 – 09:30	Review of Day 2
09:30 – 11:00	Session 9: The scope of a Regional Trade Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trade in Goods (tariffs, rules of origin, standards – SPS and TBT)- Trade in Services Brief review of the Draft Tripartite FTA Agreement and Annexes
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Tea break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Session 10: Integrating East and Southern Africa (Part 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- New generation trade issues (investment, competition policy, government procurement,) in a Free Trade Area (determining the scope of the agreement)- Implications for other regional initiatives (COMESA, SADC, EAC)
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session 11: Integrating East and Southern Africa (part 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trade performance: Overview (how much do countries trade in the region)?- Agricultural trade and agribusiness development- Sensitive products (how are these determined; considering Uganda's sensitive product list) – implications for the common external tariff
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Tea break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Session 12: Integrating East and Southern Africa (part 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Non-tariff barriers- Rules of Origin- Dispute Settlement in RTAs

DAY 4 – 7 October 2010

09:00 – 9:30	Summary remarks: Review of Day 3: Discussion of Questions
09:15 – 11:00	Session 13: Proposed Tripartite FTA (part 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A Services Agenda (Social Policies, Domestic Policy Agenda, Domestic Regulatory Reform and Services Liberalisation)- Investment Agenda (FDI governance and FDI Promotion – finding balance)
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Tea break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Session 14: Concluding Review of Uganda's Trade Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Priorities (WTO vs. Regional Agenda)- Domestic Policy Priorities (intra-governmental coordination, stakeholder engagement, trade policy management, strategy for Uganda's negotiation of the Tripartite FTA – what does Uganda want from this FTA?)
12:30 – 13:00	Certificate Ceremony and Close
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
