

# tralac Annual Conference

16 & 17 April 2015

*Radisson Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia*

## Towards a continental integration agenda

### PROGRAMME



#### Day 1 | Thursday, 16 April 2015

08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Welcome and Introductory Remarks</b> <i>Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac</i>
09:30 – 11:00	<b>Session 1: KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>Towards a continental integration agenda</b> <i>Treasure Thembisile Maphanga, Director of Trade, African Union Commission</i> (Chair: <i>George Lipimile, Chair, tralac Board</i> )
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Tea break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Session 2: Update on WTO developments: Implications for Africa</b> <i>Mark Pearson, Independent Consultant, Trade Facilitation Agreement</i> <i>Malcolm McKinnon, SADC Secretariat, LDC Services Waiver</i> (Chair: <i>Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate</i> )
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Session 3: Africa's quest for industrialization</b> <i>Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac, Industrial development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century</i> <i>Ron Sandrey, tralac Associate, Rules of origin as an industrial policy issue</i> <i>Manenga Ndulo, Professor, University of Zambia, Zambia's industrial policy experience</i> <i>William Mwanza, tralac, Experiences and prospects for industrial policy in Malawi</i> (Chair: <i>Daniel Ndlela, USAID SERA Programme</i> )
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Tea break</i>

16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Session 4: Update on regional trade developments</b></p> <p><i>Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate, Trade remedies and dispute resolution</i>  <i>Willemien Viljoen, tralac, Non-tariff barriers</i>  <i>JB Cronje, tralac, Regulatory issues for a services agenda</i>  (Chair: <i>Ndiitah Robiati, Namibia Trade Forum</i>)</p>
19:00	<b>Gala Dinner (Radisson Hotel)</b>

**Day 2 | Friday, 17 April 2015**

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Tea/coffee</i>
09:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 5: Preparing for the Continental Free Trade Area negotiations</b></p> <p><i>Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate, Legal and Institutional matters</i>  <i>Ron Sandrey, tralac Associate, Assessing the impact of the CFTA (GTAP Results)</i>  (Chair: <i>Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac</i>)</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Tea break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 6: Tripartite Free Trade Area – update, entry into force, implementation and monitoring, implications for the CFTA</b></p> <p><i>James Mwansa Musonda, COMESA Secretariat, Update on the negotiations</i>  <i>Gerhard Erasmus, tralac Associate, Entry into force and implementation</i>  (Chair: <i>Henry Mutai, tralac Associate</i>)</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Conclusions and Way Forward  (Chair: <i>Trudi Hartzenberg, tralac</i>)</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Close and Lunch</i>



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