



tralac Annual Conference

7 & 8 April 2016

The Strand Hotel, Swakopmund, Namibia

Towards Rules-based Governance in African Trade and Integration?

Day 1 | Thursday, 7 April 2016

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome - George Lipimile, <i>Chief Executive Officer, COMESA Competition Commission</i> Introductory Remarks - Markus Dausses, <i>USAID Representative, Namibia</i> - Trudi Hartzenberg, <i>tralac</i>
09:30 – 11:00	Session 1: Why does rules-based governance matter for African trade and integration? - Gerhard Erasmus, <i>tralac Associate</i> - Michael Lawrence, <i>National Clothing Retailers Foundation (South Africa)</i> (Chair: Trudi Hartzenberg, <i>tralac</i>)
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Tea break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Session 2: Safeguards and Trade Remedies in African Regional Integration Arrangements - Zodwa Mabuza, <i>COMESA Secretariat</i> - Paul Kalenga, <i>Trade Related Facility, SADC</i> (Chair: Johann Human, Director: Rules Division, <i>WTO Secretariat</i>)
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:15	Session 3: Standards in African Regional Integration Arrangements - Abrie du Plessis, <i>Independent Expert</i> - Gerhard Erasmus, <i>tralac Associate</i> (Chair: Ben Katjipuka, <i>Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development, Namibia</i>)
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Tea break</i>
15:45 – 17:15	Session 4: Private litigation, dispute resolution and community law developments - Malan Lindeque, <i>Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Namibia</i> - William Mwanza, <i>tralac</i> - Gerhard Erasmus, <i>tralac Associate</i> (Chair: Henry Mutai, <i>tralac Associate</i>)

19:00	<p>Gala Dinner (The Strand Hotel)</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Minister of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development, Namibia - Hon. Immanuel Ngatjizeko</p> <p>Introduction: Ndiitah Nghipondoka-Robiati, Chief Executive Officer, Namibia Trade Forum</p>
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Day 2 | Friday, 8 April 2016

08:30 – 09:00	Tea/coffee
09:00 – 09:15	<p>Summary of Day 1's discussion</p> <p>Ashly Hope, <i>tralac</i></p>
09:15 – 11:00	<p>Session 5: Connecting Africa for competitiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JB Cronje, <i>tralac</i> - Nigel Gwynne Evans, <i>Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa</i> - Willemien Viljoen, <i>tralac</i> <p>(Chair: Trudi Hartzenberg, <i>tralac</i>)</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Tea break
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Session 6: Walvis Bay harbour development, transport corridors and logistics hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immanuel Shipanga, <i>Walvis Bay Corridor Group</i> - Klaus Schade, <i>Independent Economist</i> <p>(Chair: Ndiitah Nghipondoka-Robiati, Chief Executive Officer, <i>Namibia Trade Forum</i>)</p>
12:30 – 13:15	<p>Session 7: Conclusions</p> <p>Trade governance development in new generation FTAs/partnerships and implications for Continental Free Trade Area</p> <p><i>tralac and Department of Trade and Industry, African Union Commission</i></p>
13:15 – 14:00	Close and Lunch

At 14:00 participants will depart, by bus, to Walvis Bay for a visit to the harbour development, corridor and logistics

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