



**Multi-stakeholder Workshop:
Who is Benefiting from Trade Liberalization in Angola? A Gender Perspective**

21 November 2013
Ministry of Trade, Luanda, Angola

Background and Objectives

Trade policies, particularly policies that are aimed at fostering market integration, tend to impact differently men and women. More generally, trade liberalization yields important redistributive effects within the economy, which can either magnify or reduce existing disparities among groups, including those based on gender. This depends, among other things, on existing patterns of labour segregation by sex or other social factors, coupled with structural inequalities between groups in asset ownerships, educational entitlements and overall capabilities or roles. It is crucial for policymakers to anticipate how trade policies will affect the redistribution of wealth within the economy, so as to use trade as an instrument for inclusive and fair development.

Against this background, the workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss the gender ramifications of trade policies in Angola, and to explore different approaches towards maximizing the social inclusiveness of trade policy, with a focus on women. The objective of the workshop is two-fold:

1. Present and discuss the main findings of the study prepared by UNCTAD titled *Who is Benefiting from Trade Liberalization in Angola? A Gender Perspective*;
2. Explore different policy options towards maximizing the social inclusiveness of trade policy in Angola, with a focus on women.

Participants

Participants include Governmental officials from the Ministry of Trade, the Ministry of Family and Women Promotion, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Fisheries, the Ministry of Welfare and Social Reintegration, the Ministry of Public Administration, Employment and Social Security, the Ministry of Economy, and the Bureau of Statistics; trade unions and business representatives; non-governmental organizations; women's associations; the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP, FAO and other relevant UN agencies; Parliamentarians; and representatives from Luanda-based embassies and the donor community.

Date and venue

The Workshop will be held at the Ministry for Trade on the 21 of November 2013.

Language

Portuguese will be used at the Workshop.

Annotated Agenda

Thursday, 21 November 2013 Ministry for Trade	
8.00 – 9.00	Registration of participants
9.00 – 9.30	Opening session and keynotes <p>This session will include opening statements, as well as a presentation of the workshop objectives and organization of work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Ms. Rosa Pedro Pacavira de Matos, Minister of Trade, Republic of Angola • H. E. Ms. Ingrid Ofstad, Ambassador of Norway to Angola (TBC) • Ms. Maria do Valle Ribeiro, Resident Coordinator, UN Country Office • Ms. Simonetta Zarrilli, Chief, Trade, Gender and Development Section, Division on International trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
9.30 – 10.30	Session 1 – Overview: Key findings of the country case study <p>The participants will have the opportunity to discuss findings of the UNCTAD study and share views and expertise on approaches to assessing and tackling the effects of trade on women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Simonetta Zarrilli, Chief, Trade, Gender and Development Section, Division on International trade and Commodities, UNCTAD • Q&A and discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Session 2 – Trade policy and trade agreements: Gender implications <p>The session will provide the opportunity to discuss in some details Angola's trade flows and trade agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rolf Traeger, Economic Affairs Officer, Division on Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD • Q&A and discussion
11.00 – 11.30	Tea/coffee break
11.30 – 12.00	Session 3 - Methodology: Assessing the impact of trade policies on the wellbeing of men and women <p>This session will discuss UNCTAD's methodology and explore approaches to assessing the gender implications of trade policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rolf Traeger, Economic Affairs Officer, Division on Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD • Q&A and discussion
12.00 – 12.30	Session 3 – Policy recommendations and the way forward <p>This session will explore policy options towards maximizing the social inclusiveness of trade liberalization in Angola. It will also discuss possible follow-up activities, including exchanging information and implementing specific policy recommendations contained in the UNCTAD report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Simonetta Zarrilli, Chief, Trade, Gender and Development Section, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD • Q&A and discussion

12.30 – 14.00	Lunch for all participants
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 4 - Working Groups Discussion</p> <p>In this session participants will break out into three working groups to allow an in-depth discussion of a spectrum of policy options for Angola for the implementation of a sustainable and gender-sensitive trade strategy.</p> <p>WG 1 - Priorities for trade policymaking in Angola, from a gender perspective</p> <p>WG2 - Other policies to empower women in Angola</p> <p>WG 3 - Towards a more diversified and resilient productive base</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Session 5 - Report of the Working Groups to the Plenary
16.00 – 16.30	<p>Closing</p> <p>The closing session will wrap up the seminar discussions, highlight issues that deserve further considerations, and possibly outline future action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Maria Filomena Lobão Telo Delgado, Minister of Family and Women Promotion, Republic of Angola • Ms. Simonetta Zarrilli, Chief, Trade, Gender and Development Section, Division on International Trade and Commodities, and Mr. Rolf Traeger, Economic Affairs Officer, Division on Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD • Representative from the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator

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