



ECOWAS COMMISSION DIRECTORATE OF TRADE

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ECOWAS/UNCTAD/GIZ Stakeholder Consultation on the Development of a Regional Strategy for the CFTA Negotiations

Coconut Grove Hotel, Accra – Ghana
09 – 11 March, 2016



WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2016

Time	Discussion Topic	Speaker(s)
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks	ECOWAS, UNCTAD, Host (Ghana)
CFTA NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS Session Moderator: UNCTAD		
9:30 – 9:50	Scope of the CFTA Negotiations, Principles, Objectives and Institutional Framework <i>Session to focus on the scope of the CFTA negotiations, including its objectives, principles and institutional framework</i>	AUC Department of Trade and Industry
9:50 – 10:10	Perspectives on the CFTA Negotiations Process: Comparative RECs Studies and Experiences	UNECA
10:10 – 10:30	Overview of the CFTA Negotiations Process	UNCTAD
10:30 – 11:00	Discussion <i>Session to focus on the scope of the CFTA Negotiations, Principles, Objectives and Institutional Framework</i>	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
TRADE INTEGRATION IN THE ECOWAS REGION Session Moderator: SENEGAL		
11:30 – 12:00	Status of trade integration in the ECOWAS Region: Goods and Services <i>Session to focus on analysis of legal instruments, progress and challenges with implementation as well as implication for the CFTA</i>	ECOWAS
11:50 – 12:10	Some Key Considerations: Goods and Services <i>Session to focus what issues are at stake for the ECOWAS Regional CFTA Strategy</i>	ECOWAS
12:10 – 12:25	Regional Context: ECOWAS Lessons and Proposals for CFTA Negotiations: Goods	Prof. Ademola Oyejide

12:25 – 12:40	Regional Context: ECOWAS Lessons and Proposals for CFTA Negotiations: Services	Sekou Doumbouya
12:40-13:00	Discussion <i>Session to focus on issues to consider and implications for ECOWAS participation in the CFTA¹</i>	
13:00 –14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 14:30	Discussion <i>Session to focus on issues to consider and implications for ECOWAS participation in the CFTA²</i>	ECOWAS/UNCTAD
14:30 – 15:00	Agricultural trade in ECOWAS – How can the CFTA foster the development and strengthening of regional value chains in agricultural commodities and processed food products?	ECOWAS/UNCTAD
15:00 – 15:30	Discussion	
15:30 –15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 16:15	West Africa Private Sector Perspectives on the CFTA	FEWACCI
16:15 – 16:45	Discussion	
16:45 – 17:00	Day 1 Summary	ECOWAS
18:30	Cocktail	

THURSDAY , 10 MARCH 2016		
MODALITIES FOR THE CFTA NEGOTIATIONS		
Session Moderator: UNCTAD		
09:00 – 10:00	Issues for consideration and elements of modalities for the CFTA market access negotiations on goods	UNCTAD
10:00 – 11:00	Discussion <i>Focused on implications for the ECOWAS Region in a CFTA context³</i>	
11:00-11:20	Coffee Break	
11:20 – 12:00	Issues to consider and elements of modalities for the	UNCTAD

¹ To be compiled as elements for consideration in the ECOWAS CFTA Strategy. Capacity Building needs to be compiled in tandem.

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³ Salient points to be compiled as part of the CFTA strategy. Capacity Building needs to be compiled in tandem.

	CFTA services negotiations	
12:00 – 13:00	Discussion <i>Focused on implications for the ECOWAS Region in a CFTA context</i>	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	An inventory of capacity building needs to support implementation of the ECOWAS CFTA strategy <i>Focused on identification of capacity building needs by ECOWAS/Member States</i>	ECOWAS Member States
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
ECOWAS CFTA STRATEGY Session Moderator: ECOWAS		
16:00-16:30	Elements of the Draft ECOWAS CFTA strategy : - CFTA Goods negotiations	ECOWAS/UNCTAD
16:30 – 17:00	Elements of the Draft ECOWAS CFTA strategy : - CFTA Services negotiations	ECOWAS/UNCTAD
17:00 – 18:00	Discussion	ECOWAS/UNCTAD

FRIDAY , 11 MARCH 2016		
09:00-09:30	Elements of the Draft ECOWAS CFTA strategy : - CFTA Goods negotiations	ECOWAS
10:00 – 10:30	Elements of the draft ECOWAS CFTA strategy - CFTA Services negotiations	ECOWAS/UNCTAD
10.30-11:00	Discussion	
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
12:30 – 16:00	Lunch and preparation of Report and Draft Strategy	
16:00 – 17:30	Review, Consideration and Adoption of the Draft ECOWAS CFTA	ECOWAS
17:30-18:00	Closing	ECOWAS, UNCTAD, Host