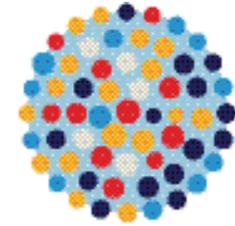


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The African Forum for NTFCs will take place in Room CR2



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08.30-09.00	Welcome networking coffee and registration
09.00-11.00	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) H.E. Amb. Thomas Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission (AUC) <p>Keynote address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Fetelework Gebregziabher, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ethiopia Ms. Dorothy Ng'ambi Tembo, Deputy Executive Director, International Trade Centre (ITC) Ms. Brenda Mundia, Deputy Director, Capacity Building Directorate, World Customs Organization (WCO) Mr. Philippe Isler, Director, Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation (GATF) Mr. Manuel Henriques, Senior Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank Group (WBG) Mr. Roberto Azevedo, Director General, World Trade Organization (WTO) Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) <p>Presentation of programme and objectives of the week</p> <p>Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, UNCTAD</p>
11.00-12.30	<p>Session 1 - Trade Facilitation efforts and prospective in Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. David Luke, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, UNECA Mr. Dhunraj Kassee, Senior Policy Officer, AUC Mr. Manuel Henriques, WBG Mr. Eugene Torero, Director, Trade Policy and Facilitation, TradeMark East Africa
12.30-14.00	Lunch Break
14.00-14.30	<p>Session 2 - The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement - Status of ratification, categorisation and notifications in Africa</p> <p>Mr. Mark Henderson, Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF), WTO</p>
14.30-16.00	<p>Session 3 - The role of the African regional organisations in implementing Trade Facilitation reforms</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Francis Ikome, Chief, Regional Integration Section, UNECA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Evariste Munyampundu, Trade Facilitation Expert, East African Community Mr. Kolawole Sofola, Principal Programme Officer, Multilateral Trade Economic Community of West African States Mr. Jacob Kotcho, Economic Community of Central African States
16.00-17.00	<p>Session 4 - The role of NTFCs in the implementation of trade facilitation provisions in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. David Luke, UNECA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Robert Lisinge, Chief, Operational Quality Section, UNECA Mr. Willie Shumba, Chief, Customs Expert and Adviser, AUC Mr. Poul Hansen, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD
17.00-18.30	Networking Trade Fair: Sharing information on Technical Assistance and Capacity Building programmes

09.00-10.15	<p>Session 5 - How to make an NTFC sustainable and ensure political will: best practices, challenges and lessons learned</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Maria Teresa Pisani, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Arántzazu Sánchez, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD Mr. Joseph Nguene Nteppe, Permanent Secretary of the NTFC, Cameroon Mr. Tarik Maaoui, CIO, National Ports Agency, Morocco Mr. Saïd Maghraoui Hassani, Director, Defense and Trade Regulation, Directorate General for Trade, Morocco Mr. Célestin Nzengue, Director of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Trade, Gabon
10.15-12.00	<p>Session 6 - Mainstreaming gender equality in trade facilitation</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Dorothy Ng'ambi Tembo, ITC Ms. Estelle Igwe, Nigerian Export Promotion Council, Vice Chair, UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) Ms. Stella Kisuzu, Executive Officer, Uganda Revenue Authority Ms. Johanna Tornstrom, Assistant Programme Manager, Capacity Building Directorate, WCO
12.00-13.00	Lunch Break
13.00-14.00	<p>Side Event - Room CR5</p> <p>Trade Portals for Trade Facilitation: How to succeed</p>
14.00-15.00	<p>Session 7 - The role of the NTFCs in the establishment and operation of the Electronic Single Window and other paperless initiatives</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Rajendra Meena, Capacity Building Directorate, WCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ibrahima Diagne, Managing Director, GAINDE 2000, Senegal Mr. John David, ASYCUDA Technical Coordinator, UNCTAD Mr. Rajcurrun Koolash, Team Leader, Risk Management Section, Mauritius Revenue Authority
15.00-16.00	<p>Session 8 - Involvement and role of the Private Sector in NTFCs</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Chief, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, ITC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Edouard Batiébo, Head of the Facilitation and Logistics Intelligence Service, Chamber of Commerce, Burkina Faso Mr. Ziad Malek Hamoui, National President, Borderless Alliance, Ghana Mr. Adrian Njau, Trade and Policy Advisor, East African Business Council
16.00-17.00	<p>Session 9 - How to engage effectively with other border agencies in a coordinated border management context</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Brenda Mundia, WCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Reuben Kunda, Deputy Commissioner, Zambia Revenue Authority Ms. Milena Budimirovic, Senior Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, WCO Mr. Melvin Spreij, Head, Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) Secretariat, WTO Ms. Rosine Uwamariya, Commissioner of Customs, Rwanda Revenue Authority
17.00-18.00	<p>Side Event - Room SBR</p> <p>Unleashing Africa's economic integration potential: The case of Trade Facilitation Reforms under the AfCFTA</p>

09.00-10.00	<p>Session 10 - Donors' support for the implementation of trade facilitation reforms and South-South Cooperation</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, ITC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Philip Parham, Envoy for Commonwealth, United Kingdom Mr. Eugene Torero, TradeMark East Africa Mr. Steven Smolders, EU Delegation to the African Union Mr. Paul Fekete, Senior International Trade Adviser, USAID
10.00-11.00	<p>Session 11 - Available Technical Assistance and Capacity Building in Africa for the implementation of Trade Facilitation reforms</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jonathan Werner, Coordinator, Enhanced Integrated Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Poul Hansen, UNCTAD Mr. Mark Henderson, WTO Ms. Brenda Mundia, WCO Ms. Victoria Tuomisto, Associate Expert, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, ITC
11.00-12.00	<p>Session 12 - Best practices, challenges and lessons learned in seeking Trade Facilitation technical assistance</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Manuel Henriques, WBG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Gugu T. Zwane, WCO Mercator Programme, Customs Modernization, Reform and International Liaison, Swaziland Revenue Authority Mr. Wilson Mazimba, Trade Facilitation Specialist, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia Mr. Edwin Starch, Deputy Commissioner, Malawi Revenue Authority
12.00-13.00	Lunch break
13.00-14.00	<p>Side Event - Room LBR</p> <p>The Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation in Africa</p>
14.00-15.00	<p>Session 13 - New opportunities and challenges: Transit coordination at the heart of the NTFC</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Poul Hansen, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ali Giddo Adam, Director of Technical Directorate, Sudan Customs Authority Ms. Milena Budimirovic, WCO Ms. Rosine Uwamariya, Rwanda Revenue Authority Mr. Salahadin Khalifa, EFFSAA, Ethiopia
15.00-16.30	<p>Session 14 - NTFCs' experiences in a digitalized trade facilitation world</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Daniela Zehentner-Capell, Head of Division, Trade Related Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Saïd Maghraoui Hassani, Morocco Mr. Jan Hoffmann, UNCTAD Mr. David Ocholi, Commercial manager, Maersk TradeLens, A.P. Moller Maersk Mr. Reuben Kunda, Zambia Revenue Authority.
16.30-17.00	<p>Closing remarks and the way forward</p> <p>Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, UNCTAD</p>
17.00-17.30	Short evaluation and distribution of certificates