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## **Draft Agenda**

### **Continental Inaugural Conference**

# *Implementation and Application of Rules of Origin for Enhanced Intra-African Trade*

*The EU-WCO Rules of Origin Africa Programme is an initiative funded by the European Union and implemented by the World Customs Organization to support the African continent to improve its capacity to deal with Rules of Origin and ultimately to support the harmonised and coordinated implementation and application of the Rules of Origin under Annex 2 of the AfCFTA in compliance with other international commitments and best practices, including the Economic Partnership Agreements*

**19-20 July 2022**

**Accra, Ghana**

**Venue**

## Tuesday 19 July 2022

Item	Schedule	Activities	Facilitator
1	9:00 – 09:45	<b>Opening Ceremony:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming by the AfCFTA Secretariat</li> <li>• Opening Remarks by the European Commission (EUC)</li> <li>• Opening Remarks by the World Customs Organization (WCO)</li> <li>• Opening Remarks by the host country</li> </ul>	<b>AfCFTA Secretariat</b> <b>EUC</b> <b>WCO Dir. TTA</b> <b>Host</b>
	09:45 – 10:30	<b>Group Photos &amp; coffee break</b>	
2	10:30 – 11:00	<b>Background and objectives of the Programme</b>	<b>EUC</b>
3	11.00 – 11.30	<b>Stakeholder engagement and overall introduction to the Programme</b>	<b>WCO Programme Manager</b>
4	11:30 – 12:00	<b>Components of the Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Components, expected results and outcomes</li> <li>• Component 1: AfCFTA Secretariat/AUC and RECs</li> <li>• Component 2: Customs Administrations</li> <li>• Component 3: Other Government Agencies</li> <li>• Component 4: Customs' stakeholders</li> <li>• Tools and publications</li> </ul>	<b>WCO Lead Origin Expert</b>
5	12:00 – 12:30	<b>AfCFTA rules of origin state of play, pending matters and way forward</b>	<b>AfCFTA Secretariat</b>
	12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
6	14.00 – 15:00	<b>Application of Rules of Origin – experiences on regional level:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECOWAS</li> <li>• EAC</li> </ul>	<b>RECs</b>
	15:00 - 15.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
7	15:30 – 16:30	<b>Panel discussion: experiences on international level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITC</li> <li>• UNCTAD</li> <li>• WTO</li> <li>• ICC (or national/regional CC)</li> </ul>	<b>International organisations</b>
		<b>End of day 1</b>	

**Wednesday 20 July 2022**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>8</b>	09:00 – 11:00	<b>Application of Rules of Origin – experiences on national level:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customs Administration EN</li><li>• Customs Administration FR</li><li>• Customs Administration PT</li></ul>	<b>National Customs Administrations</b>
	11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>9</b>	11:30 – 12:30	<b>Panel discussion: experiences on national level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customs Administrations from all African sub-regions</li></ul>	<b>National Customs Administrations</b>
	12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>10</b>	14:00 – 15:00	<b>Panel discussion: experiences on regional and continental level:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AfCFTA Secretariat</li><li>• RECs</li></ul>	<b>AfCFTA Secretariat RECs</b>
<b>11</b>	15.00 – 16.00	<b>Application of Rules of Origin – experiences from other stakeholders:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tralac</li><li>• ESA private sector consultative group</li></ul>	<b>Private stakeholders</b>
<b>12</b>	16:00 – 16:30	<b>Closing Ceremony:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing Remarks by the EUC</li><li>• Closing Remarks by the WCO</li><li>• Closing by the AfCFTA Secretariat</li></ul>	<b>EUC WCO Dir. TTA AfCFTA Secretariat</b>