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## Webinar on the launch of the UNCTAD publication: “Implications of the African Continental Free Trade Area for BioTrade, Challenges and Opportunities”

Joint UNCTAD BioTrade and ABS Capacity Development Initiative event  
Virtual webinar on Zoom  
10 November 2021, 10:00-13:00 (CET)

### Programme

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10–10:50 a.m.  
(Geneva time)

#### Welcoming remarks

- **Ms. Isabelle Durant**, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- **Mr. Mohamed Ali**, Director, Trade in Goods and Competition, AfCFTA Secretariat
- **Mr. Andreas Gettkant**, Project Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)/ Manager, ABS Capacity Development Initiative & BioInnovation Africa
- **Mr. Philipp Ischer**, Programme Manager, Economic Cooperation and Development, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO, Switzerland

10:50–11:20 a.m.  
(Geneva time)

#### Roundtable by the main authors of the paper

- **Mr. Frederic Perron-Welch**, UNCTAD and ABS-I expert
- **Mr. Olivier Rukundo**, UNCTAD and ABS-I expert

11:20–11:35 a.m.  
(Geneva time)

#### Q&A session

11:35 a.m.–12:35 p.m.  
(Geneva time)

#### Roundtable: How to green the AfCFTA?

Co-moderators:

- Mr. David Vivas Eugui**, Legal Officer, UNCTAD  
**Mr. Suhel al-Janabi**, Lead Technical Consultant, BioInnovation Africa

- **Ms. Trudi Hartzenberg**, Executive Director, TRALAC
- **Mr. Pierre du Plessis**, Advisor to the Africa Group of Negotiators on Biodiversity
- **Ms. Preshanthie Naicker**, Project Director, South Africa Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
- **Ms. Shamiso Mungwashu**, Project Development Specialist, Fairtrade Support Network, Zimbabwe

12:35–12:50 p.m.  
(Geneva time)

Interactive Discussions

12:50–1 p.m.  
(Geneva time)

**Closing Remarks**

- **Mr. Andreas Gettkant**, Project Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)/ Manager, ABS Capacity Development Initiative & BioInnovation Africa
- **Ms. Lorena Jaramillo**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD

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