



## UNCTAD & SADC PF COLLABORATION

**Theme: *Strengthening the Role of Parliaments in Advancing Regional Trade Integration through the AfCFTA***

### SESSION 3 AGENDA AND BIOS

SESSION TITLE	TIME GMT +2	DESCRIPTION AND SPEAKER/PRESENTER
<b>THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2026</b>		
<b>SESSION 3:</b>		Chair: Hon Ruth Mendez (Angola)
<i>Role of Parliamentarians in Trade Policy: From Negotiation to Oversight</i>	10:00 – 10:05	Opening and welcome remarks – <i>Hon Ruth Mendez</i>
	10:05 – 10:30	Negotiation and Policy Formulation - <i>Mr. Khairedine Ramoul, EAO - DITC UNCTAD</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oversight of negotiation mandates and national interests</li> <li>- Ensuring inclusiveness and transparency in negotiations</li> <li>- Participating in national trade consultations</li> </ul>
	10:30 – 11:00	Ratification, implementation and oversight - <i>Mr. Taisuke Ito, Chief, Trading Systems – DITC UNCTAD</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewing and approving trade agreements (AfCFTA protocols)</li> <li>- Ensuring the alignment of domestic laws with international commitments</li> <li>- Monitoring implementation of trade commitments (promoting inclusive policies for equitable benefits and adjustment)</li> </ul>
	11:00 – 11:30	Q&A Session
	11:30 – 11:45	Wrap up and closing

