

Programme

Africa Dialogue Series 2023

International Webinar Subtheme 1

“Boosting Trade Facilitation and Rethinking the Foundations of Africa’s Export Diversification”

Wednesday, 3 May 2023

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Amsterdam and Geneva, UTC+2)

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (New York, UTC-4)

Virtual Event (Zoom)

9:00 – 9:20: Session Opening

Moderated by: **Ms. Habiba Ben Barka**, Chief, Africa Section, Policy Analysis and Research Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

- Welcoming Remarks, **Ms. Cristina Duarte**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa
- Opening Remarks, **H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Belal**, Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities
- Opening Remarks, **Mr. Prudence Sebahizi**, Director of Institutional Matters and Programmes Coordination, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat
- Opening Remarks, **Mr. Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

9:20 – 9:25: Scene Setting (video)

- **H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations

9:25 – 10:15: Panel Discussion

Moderated by: **Ms. Christine Awiti**, Economic Affairs Officer, Africa Section, Policy Analysis and Research Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

- **Mr. Antoine Kajangwe**, Director-General of Trade and Investment, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Rwanda
- **Ms. Jacqueline Mkindi**, Chief Executive Officer, Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA)
- **Ms. Ruth Kinoti N’ee Mbogori**, Chief Executive Officer, GSM Association, Shalem Investments

10:15 - 10:25: Q&A with the audience

10:25 - 10:30: Closing remarks and call to action

- **H.E. Ms. Fatima K. Mohammed**, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations

(Times shown are New York time, UTC-4)