



WEBINAR:

RULES OF ORIGIN FOR EU-AFRICA PREFERENTIAL TRADE – LESSONS LEARNED AND OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

18 November 2020, 10:30-12:45 CET

Accra : 8.30 – 10.45 (UCT)
Nairobi : 11.30 – 13.45 (UCT+3)

SPEAKERS PROGRAMME (DRAFT)

10:30 – 10:35	Welcoming remarks Moderator: Mr. John OLYMPIO
10:35 – 11:25	Panel 1 – The relevance of rules of origin, including from the perspectives of the private sector Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Brenda PHIRI-MUNDIA, Trade and Customs Specialist (10 min) <i>The role of Rules of Origin in trade agreements, the importance of RoO with regard to intra-African and EU-African trade, value chains and investment; concrete examples for how ROO shape corporate decisions</i>• Mr. Klemens KOBER, German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) (10 min) <i>The role of Rules of Origin in trade agreements: the private sector perspective; the importance of RoO with regard to EU-African trade, value chains and investment; concrete examples for how ROO shape corporate decisions</i>• Mr. Stefano INAMA, Chief, Technical Cooperation and Enhanced Integration Framework Section, UNCTAD (10 min) <i>The significance of RoO for trade and investment: key concepts to understand the design and impact of RoO; the issue of preference utilization based on recent empirical evidence</i> Questions and responses (20 min)
11:25 – 12:15	Panel 2 – The European Union’s and Africa’s experiences on Rules of Origin and the outlook for the AfCFTA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Urszula STEPKOWSKA, Deputy Head of Unit, African, Caribbean and Pacific, Overseas Countries and Territories, EU (10 min)



- Mr Sebastian Agustino MACIAS, Policy Officer, TAXUD, EU (10 min)
- Mr. Stephen KARINGI, Director, Division of Regional Integration and Trade, UNECA (10 min)
AfCFTA: towards a Pan-African and Developmental Origin System; presentation of the AfCFTA rules of origin and how they compare to other existing sets of rules of origin

Questions and responses (20 min)

12:15 – 12:40	Open debate Moderator : Mr. John OLYMPIO
12:40 – 12:45	Concluding remarks