



Workshop on the Concept Note for the Ethiopia DTIS Update

22 December 2014

**Tentative
Programme**

United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)

Conference Room 5

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Monday, 22 December 2014

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

Opening Session

09:30 – 09:40 Opening remarks by **H.E. Yakob YALA**, State Minister, Ministry of Trade Ethiopia

09:40 – 09:50 Opening remarks by (Name...), Donor Facilitator

09:50 – 10:00 Opening remarks by **Mr. Taffere TESFACHEW**, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

10:00 – 10:10 Opening remarks by **Ms. Christiane KRAUS**, EIF Secretariat

Item 1: Trade and Trade Policy Making: Macroeconomic overview

This session will discuss the potential role of trade as an engine of growth, employment generation, poverty reduction and sustainable development and how the DTIS can be used as an effective tool to support the mainstreaming of trade priorities into national trade strategies. In Ethiopia, the latter is embedded in the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) and the DTIS provides a mechanism to identify constraints to trade expansion and also serves as a basis for agreement at national level on the priority areas for action that can be reflected in the second phase of the GTP.

Moderator: **Dr. Alemayehu SEYOUM**, President, Ethiopian Economic Association

10:15– 10:30 *Making Trade contribute to growth and economic transformation: the macro- and micro-economic perspectives*

Mr. Taffere TESFACHEW, Director, Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes Division, UNCTAD

10:30–11:15 Interactive discussion

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30– 11:45 *Trade Policy Making and Trade Mainstreaming: The Policy and Institutional Perspective,*

Mr. Stefano INAMA, Chief, EIF and Technical Cooperation Section, Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes Division, UNCTAD

11:45 – 12:30 Interactive discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

Item 2: ***Sectoral issues, Trade Logistics, Trade Facilitation, Trade Negotiations and Market Access***

Moderator: **Mr. Geremew AYALEW**, Director General, Ministry of Trade

This session will discuss a number of trade-related areas to be addressed in the DTIS update. In a changing global trade landscape, the focus of trade policy and strategy should be on reducing trade transaction costs through trade facilitation and improving logistics services and the overall production capacity of the sectors targeted for export promotion. Equally important is securing easy entry into foreign markets both at the regional level and beyond, preferably under favourable conditions, including a more liberal rules-of-origin. This session will discuss the current status and prospects of the sectors identified by the Government of Ethiopia as priority areas for investment and export-oriented development.

13:30 – 13:45 Agriculture-based, manufactured-driven and export-led growth and transformation: sectoral issues
Mr. Taffere TESFACHEW, Director, Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes Division, UNCTAD,

13:45 – 14:30 Interactive discussion

14:30 - 14:45 *Trade Negotiations, Market Access, Trade Facilitation and Logistics*
Mr. Stefano INAMA, Chief, EIF and Technical Cooperation Section, Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes Division, UNCTAD

14:45 – 15:30 Interactive discussion

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee break

Item 3: ***Closing Session: Endorsement of the Concept Note and Review of Issues relevant for GTP II.***

Moderator: **Mr. Taffere Tesfachew**, Director, Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes Division, UNCTAD

Mr. Eyob Tekalign Tolina, Manager, EPPCF

15:45 – 17:30 Interactive discussions

- Government
- Donor facilitator
- UNCTAD
- Private sector representative
