



Experts Group Meeting
The State of Urbanization in Africa:
*Cities: Gateways for Africa's Regional Economic
Integration*

The meeting is jointly organized by the Urbanization and Development Section (UDS) of the Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division (GPSPD) and the African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC) of the Economic Commission for Africa ECA

DATES: 24-25 November 2020
VENUE: Online

PROVISIONAL AGENDA



DAY 1: 24 NOVEMBER 2020

TIME	ACTIVITIES
	CHAIR: TBC
OPENING SESSION	
09:15 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joining of participants/testing the platform
09:30 – 09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks - Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA (7.5 min) Welcome remarks - Mr. David Luke, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, ECA (7.5 min)
09:45 – 09:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round of introduction of participants (5 min)
09:50 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background, objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting - Ms. Edlam Abera Yemeru, Chief, Urbanization and Development Section, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA (10 min)
SESSION 1 – INTRODUCTION AND CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK	
10:00 – 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the Report, introduction and conceptual framework - ECA (10 min) Discussant – Mr. Prudence Sebahizi, Chief of CFTA Unit, Department of Trade and Industry, African Union Commission (5 min) Discussion (30 min)
15-MINUTE BREAK	
SESSION 2 – BIDIRECTIONAL LINKS BETWEEN REGIONAL TRADE AND URBAN CONSUMPTION	
11:00 – 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of section three on the ‘bidirectional links between regional trade and urban consumption’ - ECA (10 min) Discussant – Ms. Fatoumata Fofana, Executive Secretary, AfCFTA National Committee, Cote D'Ivoire (5 min) Discussion (30 min)
SESSION 3 – REGIONAL TRADE INTEGRATION SHAPES ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	
11:45 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of section four on ‘regional trade integration shapes economic geography’ - ECA (10 min) Discussant – Mr. Johny Smith, CEO, Namibian Railways Corporation (5 min) Discussion (30 min)
12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Day 1



DAY 2: 25 NOVEMBER 2020

TIME	ACTIVITIES
SESSION 4 - URBAN GEOGRAPHY INFLUENCES PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL TRADE AND REGIONAL VALUE CHAINS	
09:30-10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of section five on 'urban geography influences participation in regional trade and regional value chains' - ECA (10 min) ○ Discussant - Mr. Ahmed Bennis, Secretary General, Africa Economic Zones Organization (5 min) ○ Discussion (30 min)
SESSION 5 - MAPPING AFRICAN REGIONAL TRADE PATHWAYS AND CITIES	
10:15-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of section six on 'mapping African regional trade pathways and cities' - ECA (10 min) ○ Discussant - TBC (5 min) ○ Discussion (30 min)
10-MINUTE BREAK	
POLICY TOOLKIT OVERVIEW	
11:10-11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of the toolkit - ECA (15 min) ○ Discussion (20 min)
CONCLUSION AND CLOSING	
11:45-12:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key conclusions and recommendations - TBC (15 min) ○ Discussion (20 min)
12:20-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Closing remarks - Mr. David Luke, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, ECA (5 min) ○ Next steps - Ms. Edlam Abera Yemeru, Chief, Urbanization and Development Section, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA (5 min)
12:30	Group online picture