



West Africa IGOs and Private Sector sub-Regional Forum on the Implementation of the AfCFTA

Virtual Meeting: May 26-27, 2021, GMT +1

TIMING (UTC+1)	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBLE
Wednesday, May 26, 2021		
Session 1:	Opening Ceremony	
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Session 1: Opening session (Agenda Item 1): Moderator: Tahirou Gouro, ECA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome speech by ECA ○ Statement by UEMOA ○ Statement by Representatives of Privat sector ○ Statement by ECOWAS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Madam Ngone Diop, Director ECA-WA ▪ Mr Joãozinho MENDES, Commissioner, Regional Market and Cooperation /UEMOA ▪ Mr Osei Clement AMOAKO, 1st Vice President FEWACCI, President Ghana Chamber of Commerce and Industry ▪ Mr Tei Konzi , Commissioner, Trade-Customs and Free movement/ECOWAS
	Presentation of participants Adoption of the Agenda	ECA/ Participants
10:45 am – 11:00 am	WA IGOs Platform. Actions implemented for its Strengthening and Perspectives	Albert Rabiou, Director Cooperation , UEMOA
11: 00 am– 11:10am	Overview on ECA Subregional initiatives for West Africa	Amadou Diouf , ECA/SRO WA Amadou Diouf
11:10am - 11:30am	Discussion	
Session 2:	The State of Implementation of the AfCFTA: Where are We? Regional agreements and ECA Initiatives	



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	<i>Chair: ECOWAS – Kolawole SOFOLA , Ag. Director of Trade</i>	
11:30 am - 11:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understanding the AfCFTA : Status, modalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mahlet Girma ,ECA RITD/ATPC
11:45am–11:55pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECA Support to West African Countries on the Implementation of the AfCFTA through national and regional strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mamadou Sebege – Boima Kamara, ECA SRO WA
11:55am–12:10pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECA’s engagement with private sector platform and business associations on the Implementation of the AfCFTA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nadia Hasham, ECA RITD / ATPC,
12:10pm – 12:30pm	Discussion	
	Role of RECs in the AfCFTA Roll-out	
	<i>Chair : Madam Rose Kabran, Director Trade, UEMOA</i>	
12:30pm-12:45pm	- ECA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Francis Ikome , RITD/Regional Integration Section - ▪ Kolawole SOFOLA, Ag. Director- Trade, ECOWAS
12:45pm– 1:00pm	- ECOWAS	
1:00 pm – 1: 10 pm	Discussant: Dr Cheikh Tidiane Dieye, Executive Director, ENDA CACID	
1:10 pm – 1: 25 pm	Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All Participants
1:25-1:30pm	Wrap-up and key takeaway from Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECA- Amadou
Thursday, May 27, 2021		
Session 3:	IGOs and Private Sector Working together to Hastening the Effective Implementation of the AfCFTA in WA	
10:00am-10:30am	Panel 1 Discussion: Private Sector’s participation in the Implementation of the AfCFTA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Moderator: Dr Ken Ukoaka, CEO, NANTS (Nigeria)</i> 	Panellist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Aminou AKADIRI, Directeur Executif ▪ Mr Thimothée Dabire, CCR/UEMOA ▪ Madam Candide B. LEGUEDE Présidente de la FEFA ▪ Madam Khady Fall TALL, Présidente Régionale de l’AFAO-WAWA
10:30-10:50am	Discussion and key takeaway	Participants/Moderator



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10:50 -11:20am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Panel 2 Discussion: Discussions on Private sector platforms and business associations Readiness, Expectations and Challenges Related to the AfCFTA implementation - what needs to be done? <p><i>Moderator: Dr Guevera Yao, Senior Director, West & Central Africa at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's U.S.-Africa Business Center</i></p>	<p>Panellist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Osei Clement AMOAKO The Federation of West Africa Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI) • Mr Thimothée Dabire, CCR/UEMOA • Madam Candide B. LEGUEDE President FEFA • Madam Khady Fall TALL President AFAO-WAWA
11:20-11:45am	Discussions and key takeaway	▪ Participants/Moderator
11:45 – 11:50am	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:50– 12:40 pm	<p>Panel 3 Discussion: Promoting Made in West Africa: The Gateway to seize AfCFTA opportunities and build forward better in the COVID 19 Era</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Moderator: Louis Yaw AFFUL, Group Executive Director AfCFTA Policy Network</i> 	<p>Panellist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Madam MAIDAH MAMOUDOU Zeinabou, PDG NIGER-LAIT S.A, President OPIN ▪ WAMI, WAMA, BIDC ▪ ECOBANK ▪ Madam Ngone Diop, Director ECA WA <p>▪ Moderatot/ Participants</p>
12:40-1:10pm	Discussions and key takeaway	
Session 4	Closing Session	
1:10 – 1:30pm	<p>Chair of the session: Mr David Adeosun, Director macroeconomy analysis, MFBNP, Nigeria, President Bureau ICE 23 – SRO WA/ ECA</p> <p>Presentation and adoption of the summary of key messages and recommendations arising from the forum</p> <p>Closing remarks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECA/SROWA / Participants ▪ CEA ▪ President, Niger CCI, 3rd Vice President FEWACCI ▪ UEMOA ▪ CEDEAO