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OVERCOMING EXTERNAL CHALLENGES TO SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF AfCFTA: HOW HELPFUL ARE BILATERAL ECONOMIC/TRADE ARRANGEMENTS

27-29TH APRIL, 2021

OTTAWA TIME: 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM

ADDIS ABABA TIME: 3:00PM- 8:00PM

<p>DAY1 27TH APRIL, 2021: OPENING 12.00noon-1.00p.m GMT</p>	<p>WELCOME ADDRESS-Prof. Christine Duff, Director, Institute for African Studies, Carleton University- (Chair) (5 minutes)</p> <p>WHY WE ARE HERE-Prof. L. Pauline Rankin, Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Carleton University(10minutes)</p> <p>OPENING REMARKS- Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA(10minutes)</p> <p>GOODWILL MESSAGE-BirgitteMarkussen - EU Ambassador to the Africa Union (10minutes) (TBC)</p> <p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS- by Prof. MelakuDesta Implementing the AfCFTA Agreement in a World of Multi-Layered Economic Governance : Unpacking the challenges of Side Deals in the Next Phase of African Integration (20minutes)</p>
<p>SESSION ONE 1.00p.m-2.30p.m GMT</p>	<p>UNPACKING AND MANAGING GLOBAL MULTILATERAL TRADE REGIMES: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AfCFTA-</p> <p>ASSESSMENT OF CHALLENGES TO AfCFTA I Moderator: Francis Ikome, Chief, Regional Integration Section (10minutes) Presenter: Dr. Joy Kategekwa, Strategic Advisor to the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director,Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA),UNDP(20minutes)</p>

	<p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Annette Ssemuwemba, Deputy Executive Director, Enhanced Integrated Framework, WTO (10minutes) • Ms. TrudiHartzenberg, Executive Director, tralac (10minutes) • Prof. BabatundeFagbayigbo, (Law) University of South Africa (10minutes) (TBC) • Ambassador NkopaneRaseengMonyane, Permanent Rep of Lesotho to the UN (10minutes) (TBC)
SESSION TWO 2.30p.m-3.30p.m GMT	<p>USA ECONOMIC AND TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH AFRICA: IMPACT ON RECS/CFTAs</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Charles Kahuthu, DG, East Africa Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (EACCIA)(10minutes)</p> <p>Presenter: Prof. James Gathii, Loyola University, Chicago (20minutes)</p> <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. TrudiHartzenberg, Executive Director, tralac(10minutes) • Mr. Las Benson, Centre for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) (10 minutes) (TBC)
3.30p.m-4.00p.m GMT	<p>GENERAL DISCUSSIONS (Moderated by Charles Kahuthu) (30minutes)</p> <p>END OF DAY ONE</p>
DAY 2 28 TH APRIL, 2021 SESSION THREE 12.00noon- 1.30p.m GMT	<p>CHINA'S ECONOMIC AND TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH AFRICA</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Olufemi Shuaib University of Lagos/Confucius Centre (10minutes)</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Sanusha Naidu, University of Johannesburg(20minutes)</p> <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanna Muthoni Ryder CEO Development Reimagined, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China(10minutes) • Brian Mureverwi, Trade Adviser, AUC (10minutes) (TBC) • Mr. John Rocha, Director, Trade Investment, Ministry of Trade and Industry, South Africa (10minutes) (TBC)
SESSION FOUR 1.30p.m-2.30p.m GMT	<p>FRANCE TRADE POLICY AND ITS IMPACT ON AfCFTA IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p>Moderator: Crina Viju, Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University(10minutes)</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Kone Salif, Deputy Director of the Faculty of Economics & Management (URF-SEHG) Abidjan (20minutes)</p> <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aminu Akadiri, Executive-Director, Federation of West African Chamber of Commerce & Industry (10minutes) • Muniru A. Kane ENDACACID, Dakar (10minutes) (TBC) • Dr. Chahir Zaki, Economic Research Forum, Egypt (10minutes)
SESSION FIVE 2.30p.m-3.30p.m GMT	<p>UK POST BREXIT TRADE</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Yiagadeesen Samy, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University(10minutes)</p> <p>Presenter: Prof. Mills Soko, Wits University (20minutes)</p>

	<p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Charles Kahuthu, DG, East Africa Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (EACCIA) (10minutes) • Andrew Mold, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA/SRO Kigali (10minutes) • Liz May (10minutes)
SESSION SIX 3.30p.m-4.30p.m	<p>TRADE LINKAGES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR AfCFTA IMPLEMENTATION1: INDIA& TURKEY</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Adolphe Lawson, PACPS, Tanzania (10minutes)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Dawn Nagar, Academic and Research Specialist, Faculty of Humanities, University of Johannesburg, South Africa(20minutes) • Elem Eyricetepeciklioglu, Yasar University, Turkey (20minutes) <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Caroline K. Ntara, UNICAL (10minutes) • Mr. VinodLuximon, Chief AfCFTA negotiator for Mauritius(10minutes) • Prof T. Prasad, Delhi University, India (10minutes) (TBC)
4.30p.m-5.00p.m GMT	GENERAL DISCUSSION-END OF DAY 2
DAY3 29 TH APRIL, 2021 SESSION SEVEN 12.00noon-1.30p.m GMT	<p>EU-EPAs AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR AfCFTA IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. RoseminaNathoo, Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Carleton University (10minutes)</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. San Bilal, ECDPM (20minutes)</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cristina Miranda Gozalvez, EU(10minutes) • BenediktWiedenhofer, Business Europe (10minutes) • Dr. Francis Mangeni (10minutes) (TBC) • SayedAttia, Ministry of Trade & Industry, Egypt (10minutes) (TBC) • Prof. Wale Ogunkola, University of Ibadan (10minutes)
SESSION EIGHT 1.30p.m-2.30p.m GMT	<p>TRADE LINKAGES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR AfCFTA IMPLEMENTATION: RUSSIA and BRAZIL</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Samuel Oloruntoba, Institute of African Studies, Carleton University (10minutes)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Prof. JideoforAdibe, Nassarawa State University, Keffi Nigeria (20minutes)</p> <p>Prof. Joao Bosco Monte, President Brazil African Institute, Fortaleza, Brazil (20minutes)</p>

	<p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Samuel Oloruntoba, Institute of African Studies, Carleton University (10minutes) • Charles Ojugbana, Nigerian Rep. Brazil Chamber of Commerce, Abuja Nigeria (10minutes) • Adriaan Adams, Ministry of Trade and Industry, South Africa (10minutes) (TBC) • Dr. Tilahun Temesgen, African Development Bank (AfDB), Abidjan (10minutes) (TBC)
2.30p.m -3.00p.m GMT	GENERAL DISCUSSION
SESSION NINE 3.00p.m-4.00p.m GMT	<p>POLICY PAPER & RECOMMENDATIONS: ECA, PANAFSTRAG & CARLETON UNIVERSITY</p> <p>GENERAL DISCUSSION</p> <p>CLOSING REMARKS-ECA -RECs REPs</p> <p>END OF ROUNDTABLE</p>
SESSION TEN 4.00p.m-5.00p.mGMT	<p>AUTHORS' WORKSHOP</p> <p>Facilitators: Prof. YiagadeesenSamy/Prof. Samuel Oloruntoba</p> <p>All Speakers are Authors for their Peer-reviewed Publications</p>