

**HYBRID Roundtable on
Single Currency and Fintech to
Boost Intra Africa Trade and
Enhance AfCFTA Implementation**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

23 to 24 August 2021

Radisson Blu Sea Plaza

Dakar, Senegal



PERIOD/TIME	PARTICULARS
DAY 1: 23rd August, 2021	
8.00 – 9.00 am	Registration
OPENING SESSION: Macro-Economic Policy in COVID-19 Era	
9.00 – 10.00 am	<p>Moderator: Mr. Olubunmi Makinwa, AUNIQUEI</p> <p>Introductory Remarks: Mr. Adeyinka Adeyemi, Senior Advisor, UNECA (3mns)</p> <p>Goodwill remarks: Mr. Aminou Akadiri, FEWACCI (3 mns) Dr. Ladi Raulatu Balakeffi, Central Bank of Nigeria (3mns)</p> <p>Opening Remark: Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director, IDEP (10mns)</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: David Luke, Professor in Practice and Strategic Director of Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa, LSE (Virtual) (20mns)</p>
10.00 – 10.15 am	Tea / Coffee Break
SESSION 1: Digitalizing Trade Financing: Current Status and Trends in Africa	
10.15 – 12.15 am	<p>Moderator: Dr. Jonathan Pinifolo, COMESA Business Council</p> <p>Kick-Off Speaker: Dr. Segun Aina, African Fintech Network (Virtual)</p> <p>Panelists: - Dr. Victoria Hasheela-Mufeti, University of Namibia - Jules Rommel Touka Tchakonte, ECCAS - Samaila Zubairu, African Finance Corporation (Virtual) - Dr. Henry Clarke Kisémbó, Development Associates Link International (DALI) - Mr. Olubunmi Makinwa, AUNIQUEI</p>
SESSION 2: Payment Systems in Africa: Current Status and Trends	
12.15 – 1.15 am	<p>Moderator: Mr. Ziad Hamoui, Borderless Alliance Ghana</p> <p>Kick-Off Speaker: Dr. Co-Pierre Georg, University of Cape-Town (Virtual)</p> <p>Panelists: - Mr. Louis Yaw Afful, AfCFTA Policy Network Ghana (Virtual) - Mr. Aminou Akadiri, FEWACCI - Mr. Charles Kahuthu, EACCIA - Dr. Jonathan Pinifolo, COMESA Business Council - Mr. Jack Ngare, Microsoft's Africa Development Centre (ADC) (Virtual)</p>
1.15 – 2.15 pm	Lunch Break

SESSION 3: Making Finance Work for Intra-African Regional and Intra-African Continental Trade: Current State and Trends

2.15 – 3.30 pm	<p>Moderator: Dr. Segun Aina, African Fintech Network (Virtual)</p> <p>Kick-Off Speakers: Dr. Muazu Ibrahim, AfDB (Virtual)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Bellinda Omino, PANAFSTRAG-East Africa- Mr. Dotun Ajayi, African Business Roundtable- Mr. Louis Yaw Aful, AfCFTA Policy Network Ghana (Virtual)- Mr. Ziad Hamoui, Borderless Alliance Ghana- Dr. Patrick Osakwe, UNCTAD (Virtual)
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3.30 – 3.45 pm	Tea / Coffee Break
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SESSION 4: African Trade Insurance & Supply Chain Finance

3.45 – 5.00 pm	<p>Moderator: Mr. Judson Wendell Addy, African Private Sector Summit</p> <p>Kick-Off Speakers: Dr. Talkmore Chidede, AfCFTA Secretariat</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Manuel Moses, Mr. Kodjo Attaty, Mr. Kenneth Tanyi, African Trade Insurance Agency (ATI)- Dr. Henry Clarke Kisembo, Development Associates Link International (DALI)- Mr. Yeo Dossina, Economic Development, Trade, Industry & Mining Department, African Union Commission (Virtual)- Ms. Miishe Addy, Jetstream Africa
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DAY 2: 24 th August 2021	
SESSION 5: Convergence Criterion: Is it Indispensable for Monetary Union for RECs?	
8.30 – 9.45 am	<p>Moderator: Dr. Pantaleo Joseph Kessy, East African Community</p> <p>Kick-Off Speakers: Dr. Jean Cedric Kouam, Nkafu Policy Institute</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Christine Gartner, European Central Bank (Virtual) - Mr. Salif Kone, University of Abidjan - Dr. Martha Gertruida Van Niekerk, University of Limpopo - Dr. Angella Faith Lapukeni Montfaucon, Research Fellow, Southern Africa Institute for Economic Research (SAIER) (Virtual)
9.45 - 10.00 am	Tea / Coffee Break
SESSION 6: Monetary Unions in Africa – State and Support to overcoming the Challenges	
10.00 – 12.15 pm	<p>Moderator: Dr. Robert Dauda Korsu, Economic, Social and Financial Research Institute (ESFRI)</p> <p>Kick-Off Speaker: Mr. Jean Denis Gabikini, AUC Dr. Martha Gertruida Van Niekerk, University of Limpopo</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ibrahim A. Zeidy, COMESA (Virtual) - Dr. Pantaleo Joseph Kessy, EAC - Mr. Kouakou Hyppolite Konan, WAEMU (Virtual) - Dr. Ladi Raulatu Balakeffi, Central Bank of Nigeria - Mr. Emmanuel Awuni, AfCFTA Policy Network (Virtual)
12.15 – 1.15 pm	Lunch Break
SESSION 7: Regulatory Governance and Convergence: The African Digital Trade Ecosystem for Stability	
1.15 – 2.30 pm	<p>Moderator: - Mr. Abdoulaye Seck, ECA AfCFTA Regional Consultant</p> <p>Kick-Off Speaker: Dr. Catherine Duggan, Director Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town (Virtual)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Jamila Ksiksi, Tunisian National Assembly - Mr. Jacob Opolot, Bank of Uganda - Dr. Martha Gertruida Van Niekerk, University of Limpopo - Mr. Thierry Amoussougbo, IDEP

SESSION 8: African SDRS/Clearing Union for Equity in Trade Finance

2.30 - 4.00 pm	<p>Moderator: - Mr. Jacob Opolot, Bank of Uganda</p> <p>Kick-Off Speaker: Prof. Olu Ajakaiye, African Centre for Shared Development Capacity Building (Virtual)</p> <p>Panelists: - Prof. David Luke, Professor in Practice and Strategic Director of Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa, LSE (Virtual) - Mr. Abdoulaye Seck, UNECA AfCFTA Regional Consultant - Mr. Thierry Amoussougbo, IDEP - Mr. Joe Atta-Mensah, Principal Regional Adviser, UNECA (Virtual) - Mr. Salif Kone, University of Abidjan - Ms. Lebohang Liepollo Pheko, Senior Research Fellow, Trade Collective Think Tank (Virtual)</p>
4.00 - 4.15 pm	Tea / Coffee Break

SESSION 9: The Digital Public Sector for Digital Ecosystem: Current Status and Trends

4.15 - 5.15 pm	<p>Moderator: Mr. George Kojo Scott, Secretary General, AAPAM</p> <p>Kick-Off Speaker: - Dr. Victoria Hasheela-Mufeti, University of Namibia</p> <p>Panelists: - Dr. Co-Pierre Georg, University of Cape-Town (Virtual) - Mr. Dieye Papa Mbaye, African Fintech Network - Dr. Henry Clarke Kisembo, Development Associates Link International (DALI) - Mr. Jack Ngare, Microsoft's Africa Development Centre (ADC) (Virtual) - Dr. Yakama Manty Jones, Ministry of Finance of Sierra Leone (Virtual)</p>
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