

Validation meeting on the Human Rights Impact Assessment of the CFTA

1 December 2016, Small CH 4, AU Campus
Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia

Abstract Program

The aim of the meeting will be to validate and discuss the preliminary findings of the final HRIA report, specifically from the case studies verifying the various cause-effect channels linking trade measures with potential impacts on right to food, livelihoods, cross-border trade and freedom of movement. The meeting will assess the recommendations to be built into the trade agreement or included in a parallel agreement or side-letter, technical cooperation or capacity-building project and national measures. We will also examine the recommendations relating to institutional and structural mechanisms.

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Venue: Small CH 4, AU Campus

14:00-14:15	Welcome and Introduction Idrissa Kane, Regional Representative a.i, Regional UNOHCHR-Eastern Africa Office
14:15-15:00	Setting the Scene: Target audience and main objectives of the HRIA David Luke, Coordinator, Africa Trade Policy Centre, ECA Trade measures in question and possible vulnerable people and sectors James Thuo Gathii, Professor, Loyola University Chicago, USA and HRIA Project Lead Moderation: Yvonne Theemann, Senior Program Officer, Trade and Development, FES Geneva office

15:00-16:00	<p>Leaving the theoretical path and facing daily life in Africa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food security; presented by Kim Burnett, HRIA Project Consultant - Agro-Manufacturing, presented by James Thuo Gathii, HRIA Project Lead - Informal Cross-Border Traders, Chris Nshimbi, HRIA Project Consultant <p>Moderation: Susan Mathews, Human Rights Officer, Right to Development Section, OHCHR and Yvonne Theemann, Senior Program Officer, Trade and Development, FES Geneva office</p>
16:00-17:30	<p>Most important session: Feedback Do you have any questions? Your reaction? What/who is missing?</p> <p>Moderation: Susan Mathews, Human Rights Officer, Right to Development Section, OHCHR and Yvonne Theemann, Senior Program Officer, Trade and Development, FES Geneva office</p>
17:30-17:50	<p>Resetting the Scene: Wrap-up and next steps of the project</p> <p>James Thuo Gathii, Professor, Loyola University Chicago, USA and HRIA Project Lead David Luke, Coordinator, Africa Trade Policy Centre, ECA</p> <p>Moderation: Yvonne Theemann, Senior Program Officer, Trade and Development, FES Geneva office</p>
17:50-18:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Idrissa Kane, Regional Representative a.i, Regional UNOHCHR-Eastern Africa Office</p>