



Challenges for the Multilateral Trading System - Perspectives from East Africa

16-18 October 2018 | Nairobi, Kenya

Conference Venue: Hilton Hotel, Mama Ngina St, Nairobi, Kenya
Participants: Civil society, business and media participants from WTO Members and observers in the East African Region.

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Monday, 15 October 2018

Arrival of civil society participants

Tuesday, 16 October 2018

Civil society dialogue

Venue: Hilton Hotel, room: tbc

8:45	Registration of civil society participants
9:00-9:15	<p>Opening of the Civil Society Dialogue: Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Henrik Maihack, Resident Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Kenya</p> <p>Keith Rockwell, Director, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization</p>
9:15-10:30	<p>Introduction to the WTO: (1) The multilateral trading system: GATT to WTO (2) WTO scope, functions and decision making</p> <p>Bernard Kuiten, Head, External Relations, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization</p>
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12:30	<p>Buenos Aires (MC11) and current developments at the WTO: State of Affairs, Challenges and Perspectives</p> <p>Keith Rockwell, Director, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30	<p>Regionalism, the CFTA and multilateralism: Where is Africa heading?</p> <p>Jamie Macleod, Trade Policy Expert, African Trade Policy Centre, Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p>Victor Ogalo, Head, Policy Research and Public Private Dialogue, Kepsa</p> <p>Keith Rockwell, Director, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization, Geneva</p>



15:30-16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00-17:30	<p>Trade as an engine for development - its role in the SDGs and the Agenda 2063</p> <p>Miriam W. Oiro Omolo, Director of Programmes, The African Policy Research Institute</p> <p>Noah Chune, Chief Economist and Director of Research and Education, Central Organization of Trade Unions-Kenya</p> <p>Teresa Barasa, KEPSA</p> <p>Bernard Kuiten, Head, External Relations, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization</p>
17:30	End of Day

Wednesday, 17 October 2018

Civil Society dialogue

Venue: Hilton Hotel, room: tbc

9:00-10:30	<p>Facilitating cross-border trade: Implementing the Trade Facilitation Agreement and other policy options for African countries</p> <p>Chris Changwe Nshimbi, Deputy Director and Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation, Faculty of Humanities, University of Pretoria</p> <p>Jas Bedi, KEPSA Director and Chairman, Export Promotion Council</p> <p>Richard Kamajugo, Senior Director, Trade Environment, TradeMark East Africa</p>
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12:15	<p>The Digital Economy, eCommerce and trade: Making sure Africa gains</p> <p>Kwame Owino, CEO, Institute of Economic Affairs, Kenya</p> <p>Charles Tonui, Research Associate, Climate Resilience Economy Programme, African Centre for Technology Studies</p> <p>Yvonne Bartmann, Senior Program Officer, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Geneva</p>



12:15	<p>Closing Remarks of Civil Society Dialogue</p> <p>Henrik Maihack, Resident Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Kenya</p> <p>Keith Rockwell, Director, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization</p>
12:30	<p>Joint Lunch Civil Society and Media Participants</p> <p>Address by Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Principal Secretary, State Department for Trade, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives Kenya</p>



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Media dialogue

Venue: Hilton Hotel, room: tbc

Until 12:30	Registration of media participants
12:30	Joint Lunch Civil Society and Media Participants Address by Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Principal Secretary, State Department for Trade, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives Kenya
14:00-14:15	Opening of the Media Dialogue: Welcome Remarks Henrik Maihack, Resident Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Kenya Keith Rockwell, Director, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization
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17:15	End of Day

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9:00-10:30	Regionalism, the CFTA and multilateralism: Where is Africa heading? Prudence Sebahizi, Head, CFTA unit, African Union Commission Keith Rockwell, Director, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization, Geneva
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break



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<p>12:15-13:45</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>13:45-15:15</p>	<p>Agriculture, Digitization and Trade: Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p>Kiringai Kamau, Executive Director, P4ACAD Africa; Kenya</p> <p>Collins Owegi, CUTS International, Kenya</p> <p>Keith Rockwell, Director, Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization</p>
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