

Authors' workshop on
Digital Trade in Africa:
Implications for Inclusion and Human Rights

4-5 October 2018, Geneva, Switzerland

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Geneva office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) are planning to jointly publish a compilation on the Implications for Inclusion and Human Rights of Digital Trade in Africa. Participants of this workshop have been selected to contribute to this publication. The aim of the workshop is to review submitted draft chapters by focusing on the coverage of human rights in the chapters and to check facts and figures related to digital trade in Africa against most recent and available data.

Participants will be requested to submit written comments on other authors' chapters prior to the meeting. More information will be shared electronically in due course.

Thursday, 4 October 2018

Topic of the Day: warm-up phase and strengthening human rights implications

Venue: Intercontinental Hotel, room «Paris»

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| 14:00-14:15 | <p>Warm-up session: welcoming remarks, round of introduction/expectations and setting the scene</p> <p>David Luke, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p>Ayuush Bat-Erdene, Chief, Right to Development Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Nwanneakolam Vwede-Obahor, Regional Representative, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, East Africa</p> <p>Hubert René Schillinger, Director, FES Geneva office</p> |
| 14:15-15:45 | <p>Story telling I: first check - overall picture (in plenary)</p> <p>Lily Sommer, Trade Policy Expert, ECA-</p> <p>Introduction of the outline of the compilation and the various parts</p> <p>Presentation by authors of individual chapters (5 minutes max.)</p> <p>Discussion- General observations and comments</p> |
| 15:45-16:00 | Tea/Coffee break |

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| 16:00-17:00 | <p>Africa goes digital I: human rights in the digital age- plenary</p> <p>OHCHR-led panel discussion</p> <p>Tim Engelhardt, Human Rights Officer, Focal Point on Technology and Human Rights, OHCHR</p> <p>Emma Reilly, Human Rights Officer, Rule of Law and Democracy Section, OHCHR</p> <p>Asako Hattori, Human Rights Officer, Women’s Rights and Gender Section, OHCHR</p> |
| 17:00-18:30 | <p>Story telling II: second check - human rights implications fine tuned</p> <p><i>The authors will be split into three groups of 3 (4) authors, which will be identified in advance. They will be requested to read the chapters of each group member in advance of the meeting. The chapters will be discussed with specific focus on human rights implications. Which human rights implications are addressed? Are there sufficient human rights implications mentioned/developed? How could human rights aspects be strengthened?</i></p> <p><i>Discussions will also be facilitated by resource persons to be divided by group and may rotate in the working groups.</i></p> |
| 18:30 | End of workshop Day 1 followed by a reception with drinks & snacks |

Friday, 5 October 2018

Topic of the Day: continuation of in-depth analysis and checks on facts and figures

Venue: Intercontinental Hotel, room «Paris»

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| 9:15-9:30 | Warm-up session: wrap-up Day 1 and outlook Day 2 |
| 9:30-10:00 | <p>Story telling II (cont.): second check- human rights implications</p> <p><i>Groups will continue discussions from the previous day in respective working groups and prepare for the plenary</i></p> |
| 10:00-11:00 | <p>Plenary discussion- first and second check- overall picture & human rights implications fine-tuned</p> <p><i>All participants will return to the plenary and groups will present the main discussions in the working groups.</i></p> <p><i>Overall picture- focus, structure, purpose and content and any changes/alterations to be taken on board</i></p> <p><i>Human Rights - Which implications are outlined? Strength and weakness of chapters with regards to linkages to human rights- What next steps should authors take to incorporate appropriate human rights angles?</i></p> |

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| | <i>Discussion</i> |
| 11:00-11:15 | Tea/Coffee break |
| 11:15-12:15 | Plenary discussion – continued |
| 12:15-13:45 | Lunch Break |
| 13:45-15:00 | <p>Africa goes digital II: facts and figures</p> <p>ECA led panel discussion</p> <p>David Luke, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, ECA</p> <p>Vahini Naidu, Counsellor, South African Permanent Mission to the WTO</p> <p>Jean Bertrand Azapmo, Regional Trade Advisor, AUC</p> |
| 15:00-16:15 | <p>Story telling III: third check – Africa’s digital trade</p> <p><i>Back into the working groups. Are the chapters using the right figures/assumptions regarding the current situation of Africa’s digital landscape? What could be added? What is missing? What information is better suited to a framework chapter than an individual authors’ chapter?</i></p> |
| 16:15-16:30 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 16:30-17:30 | <p>Plenary discussion- third check</p> <p><i>All participants will return to the plenary and groups will present the main discussions in the working groups.</i></p> <p><i>What next steps will authors take to better place their papers in the context of Africa’s digital trade landscape and existing data and statistics?</i></p> |
| 17:30-18:15 | Plenary discussion on the draft structure of the report- changes, alterations and suggestions |
| 18:15-18:30 | Closing: wrap-up of workshop & way forward |