Programme for TRAPCA Trade Policy Forum 2008

Topical Issues in Trade Policy and Development in LDCs

Day 1

Monday 29 September 2008

Master of Ceremony: Executive Director, Mr Peter Kiuluku

0800hrs – 0900hrs: Registration of Participants and Distribution of Forum Material

0900hrs – 0915hrs: Opening speech by Director General ESAMI, Prof. Bonard Mwape

0915hrs – 1000hrs: Official Opening by Guest of Honor

Mr Anders Ahnlid, Director General for Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden, Key note paper: The Doha Development Agenda at the Brink: What’s next? A Swedish Perspective

Session one: LDCs in the World Trade System

1000hrs – 1300hrs: Moderator: Academic Director Professor Göte Hansson, trapca and Lund University

1000 hrs – 1020 hrs: Prof. Sam Laird, Geneva, New thinking on trade and development.

1020 hrs – 1040 hrs: Discussant: Prof. William Lyakurwa, AERC

1050 hrs – 1120 hrs: Tea/Coffee Break

1120 hrs – 1130 hrs: Dr. Edwini Kessie, WTO, Developments in the DDA negotiations

1130 hrs – 1150 hrs: Discussant: Mr. Anders Ahnlid, Sweden

1300hrs- 1400hrs LUNCH

Session two: Trade Policy Issues

1400 hrs – 1620hrs: Moderator: Caiphas Chekwoti

1420 hrs – 1440 hrs: Discussant: Dr. Kindiki Kithure

1450 hrs – 1510 hrs: Dr. Jacques Degbelo, WTO; Trade Policies in Africa: Lessons Learnt

1510 hrs – 1530 hrs: Discussant: Mr. James Musonda, COMESA

1540 hrs – 1600 hrs: Dr Medicine Masiiwa, University of Zimbabwe and Director of Africa Institute for Policy Analysis and Development (AIPAD), Harare: Economic Partnership Agreements and FDI in Africa: The Case of Horticulture in Kenya, Zimbabwe and Zambia

1600 hrs – 1620 hrs: Discussant: Dr. Wumi Kolayiwola, Ibadan

1700 Cocktail

DAY 2
Tuesday 30 September 2008

Moderator: Executive Director Mr Peter Kiuluku, trapca

0900 hrs – 0920 hrs: Prof. William Lyakurwa, Executive Director, AERC, Nairobi, Kenya Aid for Trade

0920 hrs – 0940 hrs: Discussant: Prof. Kerfalla Yansane, Conakry

0950 hrs – 1010 hrs: Dr. Charles A. Okello, Gulu University, Uganda: Impacts of East Africa Community Customs Union on Uganda Economy: A Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Analysis.

1010 hrs – 1030 hrs: Discussant: Dr. Jacques Debelo, WTO

1040 hrs – 1100 hrs: Dr. John Mutenyo, Makerere University, Uganda, Does FDI crowd out domestic private investment in Africa?

1100 hrs – 1120 hrs: Discussant: Dr. Ernest Molua, Buea

1130 hrs – 1150 hrs: TEA BREAK

Session three: Firm response and competitiveness.

Moderator: Deputy Academic Director, Associate Professor Joakim Gullstrand, trapca, Lund University

1150 hrs – 1210 hrs: Dr. Ernest Molua, University of Buea, Cameroun, Assessment of Trade Liberalisation and Facilitation in Cameroon’s Agricultural Sector: Competitiveness and Welfare Impact on the Coffee Sector.

1210 hrs – 1230 hrs: Discussant: Dr. Adam Mugume, BoU
1240hrs – 1300hrs: Dr. Eria Hisali, Makerere University, Firm level productivity and exporting in Uganda’s manufacturing sector.

1300 hrs – 1320hrs: Discussant: Prof. Sam Laird, Geneva

1330hrs – 1430hrs  LUNCH

Moderator: Executive Director Mr Peter Kiuluku, trapca

1430hrs – 1630hrs  Session six: Round Table Discussions: Multilateral Negotiations: Which way LDCs and developing countries?
Prof. Bonard Mwape, Director General, ESAMI
Prof. William Lyakurwa, Executive Director, AERC,
Prof. Sam Laird,
Dr. Edwini Kessie, WTO

1630hrs – 1800hrs  Tea and networking and closing remarks