



PROGRAMME FOR trapca TRADE POLICY RESEARCH FORUM 2011

African Trade Blocks: Challenges and Prospects

8-9 August 2011

DAY 1

Monday 8th August 2011

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

0900hrs – 0910hrs: Welcome Remarks by the Executive Director, trapca, **Mr. Peter Kiuluku**

Session one: Dynamics in regional trade agreements

Session Chair: Germina Ssemogerere

0910 hrs – 0935 hrs: **Francis Mangeni, COMESA, *Regional Integration in COMESA: State of Play and Challenges***

0935 hrs – 0955 hrs: **Discussant: Godwell Nhamo and James Otieno-Odek**

0955 hrs – 1020 hrs: **Edgar Odari, SEATINI, *Financing Economic Partnership Agreements: Challenges And Policy Options For Implementing The Proposed Development Matrix Under The East African Community/ European Union Economic Partnership Agreement***

1020 hrs – 1045 hrs: **Discussant: Philip Alege**

1045 hrs – 1110 hrs: **Wumi Olayiwola, ECOWAS, *Regional Integration in ECOWAS: State of play and challenges***

1110 hrs – 1140 hrs: *Plenary*

1140 hrs – 1200 hrs: **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

1200 hrs -1225 hrs: **James Gathii, Albany School of Law, *The Neo-Liberal Turn in Regional Trade Agreements***

1225hrs –1250hrs: **Discussants: Wumi Olayiwola and Enga Kameni**

1250 hrs – 1320 hrs: *Plenary*

1320hrs- 1450hrs

LUNCH

Session two: BITs and RTAs

Session Chair: *Simon Ngoni*

1450 hrs – 1515 hrs: **Uche Uwelukwa** Arkansas School of Law, *Africa-China Investment Agreements: Trends, Tricks and Traps – implications for broader Africa-South Economic Cooperation*

1515 hrs – 1540 hrs: **Discussant:** *Joakim Gullstrand*

1540hrs – 1605hrs: **Rafael Leal-Arcas**, Queen Mary University, *Proliferation of Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements: Complementing or Supplanting Multilateralism*

1605 hrs – 1630 hrs: **Discussant:** *James Gathii*

1630 hrs – 1700 hrs: *Plenary*

1700 hrs – 1720 hrs: **Book Launch: African Regional Trade Agreements as Legal Regimes**, Cambridge University Press by **James Thuo Gathii**, July 2011,

1720 hrs

Cocktail

DAY 3

Tuesday, 9th August 2011

Session three: Exchange Rate Dynamics and Trade Outcomes

Session Chair: *Roberto Rios Herran*

0900 hrs – 0925 hrs: **Ronald Mangani** University of Malawi, *Exchange Rate Sensitivity of the Trade Balance: Evidence from Malawi*

0925 hrs – 0950hrs: **Discussant:** *Nichodemus Rudaheranwa*

0950 hrs – 1015 hrs: **Philip Alege**, Covenant University, *Exchange Rate Policy and Africa's Foreign Trade: A panel co-integration Analysis*

1015 hrs – 1040 hrs: **Discussant:** *Joy Kiiru*

1040 hrs – 1110 hrs: *Plenary*

1110 hrs – 1130hrs

TEA BREAK

Session four: Multilateral Arrangements and Institutions

Session Chair: *Anthonia Achike*

1130hrs – 1155 hrs: **Nicholas Sabwa**, CMA *Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture and Doha Round Agreement on Agriculture Negotiations*

1155hrs – 1220 hrs: **Discussant:** *Chandrakant Patel*

1220hrs – 1245 hrs: **Evans Osabuohien**, Covenant University, *Trade Outcomes in Africa's Regional Economic Communities and Institutional Framework: Some Policy prescriptions*

1245hrs – 1310hrs: **Discussant:** *Francis Mangeni*

1310 hrs – 1340 hrs: *Plenary*

1340hrs – 1500hrs

LUNCH

Session five: Bilateral Arrangements and Regional Integration Initiatives

Session Chair: *Joakim Gullstrand*

1500 hrs – 1525 hrs **Robert Nkendah**, *The New World Trading System and Regional Integration in Africa.*

1525hrs – 1550hrs: **Discussant:** *Agu Chukwuma*

1550 hrs – 1615 hrs: **Enga Kameni**, *EPA negotiations between the EU and the Central sub-region: Grounds for cautious optimism*

1615 hrs – 1640 hrs: **Discussant:** *Roberto Rios Herran*

1640 hrs – 1710 hrs: *Plenary*

1710 hrs: **Closing Remarks** by Academic Director Prof. Gote Hansson
