**WTO CHAIRS PROGRAMME LAUNCH**

ESAMI-Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (ESAMI-trapca)

**Friday, 31 March 2023, 1000 EAT**

*Virtual Webinar on Zoom*

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| 1000-1005 | Welcome Remarks | Dr Caiphas Chekwoti  
WTO Chair, ESAMI-trapca  
Head of Centre |
| 1005-1012 | Introducing the WTO Chairs Programme | Dr Werner Zdouc  
Director, WTO Chairs Programme |
| 1012-1020 | Director General’s address | Assoc. Prof. Martin Lwanga  
Director General, ESAMI |
| 1020-1035 | Official Launch Address | Honourable Exaud Silaoneka Kigahe  
Deputy Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania |
| 1035-1045 | Keynote address | H.E. Amb. Xianchen Zhang  
Deputy Director General  
World Trade Organisation |
| 1045-1055 | Remarks by EAC SG | Dr Peter Mutuku Mathuki  
Secretary General, East African Community |
| 1055-1100 | Address from WCP donor partners | Ms Cynthia Zimmermann,  
Director General, Ministry for Labour and Economic Affairs, Austria |
| 1100-1105 | Address from WCP donor partners | H.E. Mr. Jung Sung Park  
Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva |
| 1105-1110 | Vote of thanks | Mr. Thokozani James Ngwira  
Trade Law Expert, ESAMI-trapca |

*Introduction of session 2*
### Session 2 Chair – Thokozani James Ngwira

#### Panel Discussion 1

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| 1110-1120 | Overview of ongoing discussions at the WTO                            | **Dr Joan Apecu Laker**  
  *Head of Section - Trade Negotiations Committee - WTO Secretariat's Council and TNC Division.* |
| 1120-1200 | Digital trade and E-commerce Implications, challenges, and opportunities for Regional Integration | **Dr Patrick Low**  
  *Fellow at the Asia Global Institute of the University of Hong Kong and a Senior Adviser for Tulip Consulting, trapca Adjunct Lecturer*  
  **Mr Tsotetsi Makong**  
  *Head Capacity Building, AfCFTA Secretariat, Trade Facilitation Expert.*  
  **Mrs Varsha Mooneeram-Chadee**  
  *Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law and Management, University of Mauritius* |
| 1200-1210 | Question and Answer                                                   | ALL                                                                                                                                       |

### Session 3 Chair – Shylet Taurai Nyabeze

#### Panel Discussion 2

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| 1210-1250 | Rules of Origin and commodities trade for African commodities dependent Trade-Implications for the AfCFTA | **Darlan MARTI**  
  *Trade Policy Specialist, WTO - Market Access Division*  
  **Dr Caiphas Chekwoti**  
  *WTO Chair - trapca*  
  *Head of Centre*  
  **Dr Janvier Nkurunziza**  
  *Head, Commodities Branch, UNCTAD*  
  *trapca Adjunct Lecturer* |
| 1250-1300 | Question and Answer                                                    | ALL                                                                                                                                       |

#### Vote of Thanks and Closure

Webinar registration link
https://worldtradeorganization.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I1hgjmuBRwmyI1WUEjSiiQ

Scan here to register.
About ESAMI-trapca WTO, chair Programme
https://www.trapca.org/wto-chairs-programme-wcp/