



## WTO CHAIRS PROGRAMME LAUNCH

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

Friday, 31 March 2023, 1000 EAT

*Virtual Webinar on Zoom*

Session 1 Chair – Dr Caiphas Chekwoti		
Official Launch of the WTO Chairs Programme		
1000-1005	Welcome Remarks	<b>Dr Caiphas Chekwoti</b> <i>WTO Chair, ESAMI-trapca</i> <i>Head of Centre</i>
1005-1012	Introducing the WTO Chairs Programme	<b>Dr Werner Zdouc</b> <i>Director, WTO Chairs Programme</i>
1012-1020	Director General's address	<b>Assoc. Prof. Martin Lwanga</b> <i>Director General, ESAMI</i>
1020-1035	Official Launch Address	<b>Honourable Exaud Silaoneka Kigahe</b> <i>Deputy Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania</i>
1035-1045	Keynote address	<b>H.E. Amb. Xianchen Zhang</b> <i>Deputy Director General</i> <i>World Trade Organisation</i>
1045-1055	Remarks by EAC SG	<b>Dr Peter Mutuku Mathuki</b> <i>Secretary General, East African Community</i>
1055-1100	Address from WCP donor partners	<b>Ms Cynthia Zimmermann,</b> <i>Director General, Ministry for Labour and Economic Affairs, Austria</i>
1100-1105	Address from WCP donor partners	<b>H.E. Mr. Jung Sung Park</b> <i>Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva</i>
1105-1110	Vote of thanks	<b>Mr. Thokozani James Ngwira</b> <i>Trade Law Expert, ESAMI-trapca</i>
<i>Introduction of session 2</i>		

Session 2 Chair – Thokozani James Ngwira

Panel Discussion 1

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

Session 3 Chair – Shylet Taurai Nyabeze

Panel Discussion 2

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

Vote of Thanks and Closure

Webinar registration link

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