



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	Dr Caiphas Chekwoti <i>WTO Chair, ESAMI-trapca</i> <i>Head of Centre</i>
1005-1015	Introducing the WTO Chairs Programme	Dr Werner Zdouc <i>Director, WTO Chairs Programme</i>
1015-1025	Director General's address	Assoc. Prof. Martin Lwanga <i>Director General, ESAMI</i>
1025-1040	Official Launch Address	Honourable Exuad Silaoneka Kigahe <i>Deputy Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania</i>
1040-1055	Keynote address	H.E. Amb. Xianchen Zhang <i>Deputy Director General</i> <i>World Trade Organisation</i>
1055-1110	Remarks by EAC SG	Dr Peter Mutuku Mathuki <i>Secretary General, East African Community</i>
1110-1120	Address from WCP donor partners	Ms Cynthia Zimmermann, <i>Director General, Ministry for Labour and Economic Affairs, Austria</i>
1120-1130	Address from WCP donor partners	H.E. Mr. Jung Sung PARK <i>Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva</i>
1130-1135	Vote of thanks	Mr. Thokozani James Ngwira <i>Trade Law Expert, ESAMI-trapca</i>
1135-1145	Comfort Break	

Session 2 Chair – Thokozani James Ngwira

Panel Discussion 1

Time	Topic	Panellists
1145-1200	Overview of ongoing discussions at the WTO	Dr Joan Apecu Laker <i>Head of Section - Trade Negotiations Committee - WTO Secretariat's Council and TNC Division.</i>
1200-1245	Digital trade and E-commerce Implications, challenges, and opportunities for Regional Integration	Dr Patrick Low <i>Fellow at the Asia Global Institute of the University of Hong Kong and a Senior Adviser for Tulip Consulting, trapca Adjunct Lecturer</i> Mr Tsotetsi Makong <i>Head Capacity Building, AfCFTA Secretariat, Trade Facilitation Expert.</i> Mrs Varsha Mooneeram-Chadee <i>Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law and Management, University of Mauritius</i>
1245-1300	Question and Answer	ALL

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Session 3 Chair – Shylet Taurai Nyabeze

Panel Discussion 2

1400-1445	Rules of Origin and commodities trade for African commodities dependent Trade-Implications for the AfCFTA	Dr Caiphos Chekwoti <i>WTO Chair- trapca Head of Centre</i> Dr Janvier Nkurunziza <i>Head, Commodities Branch, UNCTAD trapca Adjunct Lecturer</i> WCP African chairs
1445-1500	Question and Answer -	ALL

Vote of Thanks and Closure

Webinar registration link

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