

## “Trade Negotiations and Pro-poor Services Reforms in Africa”

**Hotel Africana, Kampala, Uganda  
4-8 February 2008**

### *Final Agenda*

<b>Monday, 4 February 2008</b>	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 10:00	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p>Introduction:</p> <p><b>Dominique Njinkeu</b> – Executive Director, International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty (ILEAP)</p> <p><b>Hon. Eng. Nelson G. Gagawala Wambuzi</b> – Minister of State for Trade, Uganda</p>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	<p><b>Session I: State of Play on Trade in Services</b></p> <p>This session will review the state of services trade negotiations and highlight key threats and opportunities for African countries.</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GATS and the Doha Round, <b>Dale Honeck</b>, Counsellor, WTO</li> <li>• Trade in services and investment in RTAs and implications for African EPAs, <b>Dirk Willem te Velde</b>, Research Fellow, ODI</li> <li>• Update on Trade in Services – A view from the Africa Group, <b>Ambassador Arsene M. Balihuta</b>, Uganda</li> <li>• Preparing for services commitments in the WTO &amp; EPA, <b>Elijah Mahigila Manyara</b>, Deputy Director, Ministry of Trade and Industry</li> </ul>
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 15:00	<p><b>Session II: Advancing EPA trade in services negotiations</b></p> <p>This session will critically review the substance and legal structure of the EPA texts on services proposed to the African regions in 2007, aiming to flesh out and address possible challenges arising.</p>

	<p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparative legal analysis of EC proposed EPA services chapter, <b>Gerhard Erasmus</b>, Associate, TRALAC</li> <li>• Finding the development dimension in an EPA Services Chapter, <b>Silke Trumm</b>, Trade Advisor, GTZ</li> <li>• Challenges for Africa in EPA services liberalization, <b>Myriam Vander Stichele</b>, Senior Researcher, SOMO</li> <li>• <i>Discussant:</i> <b>Joy Kategekwa</b>, Programme Officer, South Centre</li> </ul>
15:00 - 15:15	Coffee
15:15 – 18:00	<p><b>Session III: Status of services preparations in African EPA regions</b></p> <p>The aim of this session will be first to hear from the Caribbean on their experience with the services EPA negotiations. Secondly, it is to hear from the different African EPA regions on where they are with their services preparations and negotiations, where they envisage the work on services going in 2008, and key challenges they expect to face. This discussion is intended to help set the groundwork for identifying, through the course of the workshop, national and/or regional backstopping needs for services negotiations.</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Caribbean experience EPA services and lessons for Africa, <b>Ramesh Chaitoo</b>, Head of Services Trade Unit, Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM)</li> <li>• Representatives from East Africa, Central Africa, West Africa, and Southern Africa</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, 5 February 2008</b>	
08:30 - 10:30	<p><b>Session III: EPA (continued)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Caribbean experience EPA services and lessons for Africa, <b>Ramesh Chaitoo</b>, Head of Services Trade Unit, Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM)</li> </ul>
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:15	<p><b>Session IV Linking regulatory frameworks with services liberalization</b></p> <p>This session will focus on the role of regulation and the relationship with services liberalization, with a consideration of the Tanzanian experience.</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of regulation in services liberalization, <b>Dirk Willem te Velde</b>, Research Fellow, ODI</li> <li>• The Tanzanian experience with regulatory reform and services</li> </ul>

	liberalization, <b>Bede Lyimo</b> , CEO, Better Regulation Unit (Tanzania)
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch
13:15 - 14:30	<p><b>Session V: Multilateral dimension of rules on domestic regulation</b></p> <p>This session will focus on the relationship between rule-making, domestic services reforms and development, with a view to putting these in the context of multilateral discussions on domestic regulation.</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where are we on negotiating GATS rules on domestic regulation, <b>Dale Honeck</b>, Counsellor, WTO</li> </ul>
14:30 - 15:00	<p><b>Session VI(a): Sectoral Review and Analysis</b></p> <p>The objective of this group of sessions is two-fold – first to maximize potential benefits from domestic reforms and market openings, with a view to improving regulatory outcomes, and second, to consider avenues for ensuring a pro-poor dimension to the reform and negotiating processes, including via universal service obligations and complementary measures under the auspices of Aid for Trade. Building on existing work, participants will be asked to reflect and comment on the extent to which they have considered trade liberalization and negotiations in their sector, what processes are already underway and/or envisaged and what may already be on the table in terms of possible requests and offers. With respect to the latter, it will be important to discuss key challenges already identified.</p> <p><i>Each sectoral session will have two components:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first component will review key economic considerations for the sector and global/regional best practices in regulatory reform. Discussions will also touch on sector-specific rules under consideration in the EPA and WTO, highlighting any implications of possible divergences.</li> <li>2. The second (dominant) component will see participants work with facilitators to provide input on the state of reforms in their country (in the sector under consideration) and views on possible interests/concerns in undertaking commitments. In doing so, participants will be expected to reference specific activities across the different modes of supply in each sector, with a view to understanding possible market access and/or national treatment restrictions that would need to be accounted for in the process of designing requests and offers. It will be essential to target those issues presenting key constraints to participating in ongoing/planned negotiations (which may include negotiating and/or supply capacity constraints, regulatory deficiencies, political sensitivities, etc.) and identify how the approach to negotiations, as well as possible complimentary measures (e.g. Aid for Trade) could help achieve the development of the sector.</li> </ol> <p>Select African sectoral experts have been asked to prepare material to help</p>

	<p>support the discussions.</p> <p>The first session (a) will commence with a brief explanation of the approach.</p>
15:00 - 15:15	Coffee break
15:00 - 18:00	<p><b>Session VI(b): Telecommunications and ICT</b></p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dirk Willem te Velde</b>, Research Fellow, ODI</li> <li>• <b>Kennedy Mbekeani</b>, Trade, Debt and Globalization Advisor, UNDP</li> <li>• <b>Sékou Falil Doumbouya</b>, Director, Groupe de Recherche et d'Appui au Developpement Economique et Social (GRADES)</li> <li>• <b>Ann Ssemboga</b>, Economist, Uganda Communications Commission</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, 6 February 2008</b>	
9:00 - 11:00	<p><b>Session VI (addendum) On complementary measures</b></p> <p>To help support the sectoral discussions on complementary measures, this brief session will provide a framework for considering such measures using the Aid for Trade (AFT) lens, providing specific examples of potential services-related projects and interventions.</p> <p><i>Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dominique Njinkeu</b>, Executive Director, ILEAP</li> </ul>
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	<p><b>Session VI(c): Financial services</b></p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elisabeth Tuerk</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD</li> <li>• <b>Myriam Vander Stichele</b>, Senior Researcher, SOMO</li> <li>• <b>Moses Kiptui</b>, Central Bank of Kenya</li> <li>• <b>Kenneth Egessa</b>, Research Department, Bank of Uganda</li> </ul>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	<p><b>Session VI(c): Financial services</b></p> <p>(continued)</p>
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 - 17:15	<p><b>Session VI(c): Financial services</b></p> <p>(continued)</p>
17:30 - 19:00	<b><u>Special Public Event</u> – Book Launch</b>

	<i>Aid for Trade and Development</i> (see separate agenda)
<b>Thursday, 7 February 2008</b>	
09:00 - 12:30	<b>Session VI(e): Tourism</b>  <i>Facilitators:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dale Honeck</b>, Counsellor, WTO</li> <li>• <b>Dirk Willem te Velde</b>, Research Fellow, ODI</li> <li>• <b>James Lugaganya</b>, Principal Economist, Tanzania Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Vivian Lyazi</b>, Department of Tourism, Uganda Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry</li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 17:00	<b>Session VI(d): Movement of natural persons / professional services</b>  <i>Facilitators:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dirk Willem te Velde</b>, Research Fellow, ODI</li> <li>• <b>Sheila Sabune</b>, Programme Officer, ICTSD</li> <li>• <b>Elisabeth Tuerk</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD</li> <li>• <b>S.C.M. Wafula</b>, Former Chair, Association of Professional Societies in East Africa (APSEA)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. G Walusimbi Mpanga</b>, Uganda Services Exporters Association</li> </ul>

<b>Friday, 8 February 2008</b>	
09:00 - 12:30	<b>Session VI(f): Transportation</b>  <i>Facilitators:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Valerie Ongolo</b>, Researcher, University of Yaoundé II</li> <li>• <b>Samuel Helu</b>, Principal Planning Officer, Kenya Ports Authority</li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:30	<b>Session VII: Mechanisms for effective participation</b>  This session will consider options for the effective participation of African stakeholders in services negotiations, including the management of requests and offers, and the compilation of reference material and data to backstop the liberalization process, as well as the negotiations. The aim will also be to re-fine and articulate a future work programme of support.
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Closing Session</b>