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Draft Work Programme:

Civil Society Forum at the Niamey Extraordinary Summit

***Theme: “Enhancing Civil Society Engagement in
the AfCFTA to Broaden Inclusiveness”***

3rd July 2019

Niamey, Niger

Work Programme for the Civil Society Forum:

The Civil Society Forum is a one-day event whose main objective is to enhance Civil Society engagement on the implementation of the AfCFTA. It will attract more than 100 participants from African Civil Society Organisations, CSO umbrella Organisations on trade, labour, women, youth, members of the AU ECOSOC, among others. The selection of participants will consider equitable geographical representation of the African Union, women and youth.

It will encompass a combination of plenary and panel sessions, speeches, and keynote presentations, as well as evening events. Each plenary session will be facilitated by a moderator and will have 4 or 5 panelists. Each panelist is expected to speak for not more than 5 minutes. To the extent possible, there will be about 25 minutes of discussion between panelists and participants. The sessions are designed to afford comprehensive exchange of views between stakeholders from each AfCFTA sub-regional configuration.

The work programme of the Civil Society Forum will be as follows:

CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM 2019 – 3 JULY 2019			
	ACTIVITY	TIME	RESPONSIBILITY
	Registration	08h00 - 08h30	Participants to the Forum.
OPENING SESSION			
1	Opening Ceremony	08h30 - 09h00	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abozer Elmana Elligai, Presiding Officer of the African Union Economic, Cultural and Social Council (ECOSOCC) • H.E. Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki, Chairperson of the AU Commission (Memo Brian) • H.E President Issoufou Mahamadou, President of the Republic of Niger, Champion of the AfCFTA.
MORNING SESSION			
2	Plenary Session: <i>Update on the AfCFTA – Opportunities and Challenges</i>	09h00 – 09h45	<p>Moderated by: Director of ceremonies</p> <p>Strategic Focus: to provide an overview of the opportunities and challenges presented by the AfCFTA, and engage the civil society in thinking about their contribution to the success of the AfCFTA</p> <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - better understanding of the AfCFTA, its features and characteristics; - increased engagement of African civil society in the AfCFTA implementation. <p>Keynote Presentation: <i>Update on the AfCFTA – Opportunities and Challenges:</i> H.E. Ambassador Albert M. Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Trade and Industry</p> <p>There will be an open exchange with participants</p>
3	Panel Session 1: <i>Bringing the AfCFTA closer to the African People</i>	09h45 – 10h45	<p>Moderated by: To be identified by Director of Ceremonies</p> <p>Strategic Focus: The AfCFTA is intended to benefit all Africans. Thus there is a need to improve understanding of the AfCFTA, and its implications to ordinary Africans. This panel session will interrogate the best ways and measures to ensure that all Africans are made aware of the</p>

			<p>AfCFTA, and its potential impact on their lives and livelihoods.</p> <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improved engagement to come up with better policies and best practices that ensures that the AfCFTA is brought closer to ordinary Africans. - improved dialogue on the AfCFTA between civil society, governments, RECs and the AU. <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jane Nalunga, Country Director, SEATINI, Uganda • Mr Appiah Kusi Adomako, Centre Coordinator, CUTS International, Ghana • Ms. Aya Chebbi, African Union Youth Envoy • Dr Ibrahima Kane, Senior Programme Adviser, Africa Regional Office, OSIWA, Senegal • Mr Isaac Hubert Arthur, Africa Centre for International Trade and Development, Ghana <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sylvester Bagooro, Third World Network, Ghana
10h45 - 11h00: GROUP PHOTO and COFFEE/TEA/HEALTH INTERVAL			
4	<p>Panel Session 2: <i>Promoting Inclusive Trade Across Africa: The Role of Women Entrepreneurs</i></p>	11h00 – 12h00	<p>Moderated by: To be identified by Director of Ceremonies</p> <p>Strategic Focus: Women make up the majority of the labour force in many African countries especially Informal Cross Border Trade (ICBT). Yet their participation in policy making in Africa is still very low. This panel session will explore the opportunities in the AfCFTA for women entrepreneurs. It will highlight the findings of a study carried out by UN</p>

			<p>Women on such opportunities, and identify what measures need to be put in place to enable women to take full advantage of the opportunities in the AfCFTA.</p> <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding of the opportunities in the AfCFTA for women entrepreneurs and professionals • Engagement on establishing policy frameworks that enable the participation of women in the AfCFTA <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nancy Gitonga, Regional Coordinator, FEMNET/EAWIBP, Kenya • Head of FEMNET • Dr Fatmata Sesay, Regional Policy Advisor, UN Women, Kenya • Dr. Johnson Bosco Rukundo, Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Rwanda • Dr. Bola O. Akanji, Consultant, Gender and International Development; Adjunct Professor, University of Connecticut and Quinnipiac University, Nigeria <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Heema M.D. Dawoonauth, ContractInaBox, Mauritius • Mrs. Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre (TRALAC), South Africa <p>During this panel session the Study on Opportunities in the AfCFTA for Women Entrepreneurs (UN Women/AUC) will be launched by ? and</p>
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			H.E. Ambassador Albert M. Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Trade and Industry
5	Panel Session 3: <i>Role of Civil Society in educating the African citizen to consume 'Made in Africa' products:</i>	12h00 -13h00	<p>Moderated by: To be identified by Director of Ceremonies</p> <p>Strategic Focus: As African countries set off on their industrialisation agenda, assisted by trade within the AfCFTA, more of the products available on the continent will be produced under the trade mark: '<i>Made in Africa</i>'. This panel session will highlight ways in which the African citizen can be made more aware of such products, how to access them, and how and where to purchase them. Civil society's role in this endeavour will be crucial as 'word of mouth', and social media marketing tools are used to spread the news of such products.</p> <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deepening knowledge about '<i>Made in Africa</i>' products - improved methods and tools for marketing '<i>Made in Africa</i>' goods and services <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tando Songwevu, Founder /Heritage Ambassador, EMBO Media; South Africa • Anne-Marie Yao, Fairtrade Africa, Côte d'Ivoire • Vuyelwa Nyakaza , Founder and Managing Director of Sukume Consulting • Dr. Carl Oshodi , iNnovate Africa StartUp Hub (iASH) Chairman and Co-Founder • Mr. K. Gathige Maina, Youth Motion, Kenya <p>Discussant :</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma, Chair H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation
13:00hrs – 14:00hrs : NETWORKING LUNCH			
AFTERNOON SESSION			
6	Panel Session 4: <i>Perspectives on migration on the African continent to support the AfCFTA</i>	14h00 – 15h00	<p>Moderated by: Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo</p> <p>Strategic Focus: Migration of African people across the continent to live and work in order to contribute to successful economies in the AfCFTA is a key component of Africa’s trade policy. The session will interrogate the role free movement of African people for social and economic development.</p> <p>During this session, the High Level Panel on Migration (HLPM) Report, will be launched by H.E. Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthened capacity of member states to respond to migration in Africa based on the continent’s own perspective - Building and strengthening regional partnerships for streamlining the trade and mobility nexus to facilitate and support the AfCFTA <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Almaz Negash, Founder and Executive Director of the African Diaspora Network, Member HLPM, Eritrea

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr.Tapiwa Mashakada, Chairperson, Committee on Trade, Customs and Migration, Pan African Parliament, South Africa • Ms Maureen Achieng, Chief of Mission, IOM Ethiopia, representative to the AU, UNECA & IGAD. • Rep Department of Political Affairs (AUC) • Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Youth Envoy <p>Discussant: CIDO</p> <p>Launch of the High Level Panel on Migration (HLPM) Report: H.E. Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</p>
7	Panel Session 5: <i>Role of Civil Society in mobilization of financial resources to implement AfCFTA programmes at community, national and, regional levels</i>	15h00 – 16h00	<p>Moderated by: To be identified by Director of Ceremonies</p> <p>Strategic Focus: The implementation of the AfCFTA will require substantial financial resources. Such resources will come from a number of possible sources within and outside of the continent. The panel session will brainstorm on approaches to financial resource mobilization to enable the smooth and full implementation of the AfCFTA.</p> <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increased understanding of the mechanisms for financing the AfCFTA • commitments from civil society for financing of the AfCFTA at community levels <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Segun Aina, Africa Fintech Network, Nigeria

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Pauline Mbayah, African Enterprise Challenge Fund, Kenya • Mr Enitan Obasanjo, African Venture Capital Association, Nigeria • Rep, Africa Business Angel Network • Mr Garret Bloor, Glenheim Venture Capital, South Africa <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cheikh Tidiane Dieye, Director Enda CaCiD, Senegal
16h00 – 16h15: COFFEE/TEA/HEALTH INTERVAL			
8	Wrap Up Session:	16h00 – 17h00	<p>Moderated by: AUC</p> <p>Strategic Focus: Participants at the Civil Society Forum would have processed and absorbed a great deal of information during the day-long proceedings. This session will provide brief synopsis of each of the sessions to enable participants to leave the Civil Society Forum with valuable ‘take-aways’ for their continued work and activism on the AfCFTA.</p> <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - key messages and recommendations from each panel session to enable further civil society activism for implementation of the AfCFTA - empowered civil society participants with enhanced knowledge about the AfCFTA

			Summary of the key messages arising from the AfCFTA Civil Society Forum: H E Commissioner Albert M Muchanga, Trade and Industry Commissioner, AUC
CLOSING SESSION			
9	Closing Ceremony	17h00 – 17h30	Vote of Thanks: Representative of Civil Society organisation Closing Statement: Minister responsible for Civil Society issues in Niger
10	Networking Cocktail	18h00 – 19h30	Hosted by Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDa)
11	PAFTRAC Side Event		