

AGENDA
Pre-UNCTAD XII Civil Society Forum in Africa
Panafic Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, 13-14 March 2008

DAY-ONE: 13 MARCH 2008

0900 – 1000 Inaugural

Welcome and Introduction Atul Kaushik, Adviser (Projects), CUTS International

Remarks David Ong'olo, Policy Economist, Royal Netherlands Embassy

Remarks Stefan Engels, Private Sector Initiatives, UNDP, Kenya

Thematic Address on UNCTAD XII Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director, UN-Habitat, Kenya

Inaugural Address and Official Opening David S. Nalo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Government of Kenya

Keynote Address Trade-Development-Poverty Linkages, Mohammad A. Razzaque, Economic Adviser, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat

Vote of Thanks Jasper Okelo, Board Member, CUTS Africa Resource Centre, Nairobi

1000 – 1030 Tea/Coffee

1030 – 1200 Coherence in Global Policy Making (including Regional Approaches) for Sustainable Economic Development and Poverty Reduction

- Why global policy coherence is important for sustainable development?
- What is the significance of global policy coherence in the context of development of African countries?
- What are the ongoing initiatives at the regional/multilateral level to achieve policy coherence?
- Why policy coherence is difficult to achieve? What are the key areas for making progress?

Thematic Presentation Michele Ruiters, Senior Researcher, Multilateral Programmes, Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa

Discussants

Kibre Moges Senior Researcher Trade & Industry Research Division, Ethiopia
Kwame Owino, Programme Officer, Institute of Economic Affairs, Kenya

Chair: Kimera Henry Richard, CEO, Consumer Education Trust of Uganda

1200 – 1330 Key Trade and Development Issues and the New Realities in the Geography of the World Economy

- What are the key positive and negative development-related impacts and concerns of trade policies/rules and the current trade agenda?
- What could be the possible development-related policies to face the challenges of trade liberalisation and also to reap the benefits out of it?
- The significance of increasing role of the South in promoting new exports in the international economic landscape. What are the positive features and problems of the South in accessing the global market, and what are policy measures that can overcome current constraints?
- What can African countries achieve by fostering greater trade and economic cooperation among themselves and also with the larger South, e.g. through bilateral, regional and interregional trade agreements, participating in a new global value chain (production sharing), and creating a trade-investment-technology transfer nexus?

Thematic Presentation Aderibigbe Stephen Olomola, Director Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research

Discussants

Elly R. Twineyo-Kamugisha, Executive Director, African Centre for Trade and Development, Uganda
Caiphas Chekwoti, Trade Policy Expert, Trade Policy Trading Centre in Africa, Tanzania

Chair: Peter Aoga, Coordinator, Kenya Civil Society Alliance

1330 – 1430 Lunch

1430 – 1600 Harnessing Knowledge for Development to Enhance Productive Capacity, Trade and Investment

- How can African countries harp on global knowledge pool for devising an effective developmental strategy that can bridge the development gaps?
- What are the perceived systemic failures come in the way of harnessing the positive forces of globalisation in African countries?
- How foreign direct investment could be exploited for facilitating knowledge transfer and productive investment in Africa?
- How to create enabling policy and regulatory frameworks for the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and for attracting FDI?

Thematic Presentation Margaret Chemengich, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Economic Affairs, Kenya

Discussants

Fanuel Yona Lukwaro, Tanzania Investment Centre
George Nangale, Chair, Communications, Trade and Investment Committee

Chair: Twesigye Morrison Rwakakamba, Manager, Policy Research and Advocacy, Uganda National Farmers Federation

1600 – 1630 Tea/Coffee

1900 Social Evening & Dinner

DAY-TWO: 14 MARCH 2008

0900 – 1030 Strengthening UNCTAD – Enhancing its Development Role, Impact and Institutional Effectiveness

- What are the major challenges UNCTAD is facing on delivering its developmental role and impact?
- What strategies UNCTAD could follow in order to fulfil its developmental mission and mandates as contained in the Bangkok Plan of Action and the Sao Paulo Consensus?
- Which are the major emerging trade and developments issues concerning African countries where UNCTAD needs to intervene and play an active role?
- How UNCTAD could better complement by partnering with other UN organisations for better result and to avoid duplication?
- How could UNCTAD increase the involvement of Civil Society and private sector in its work, particularly from developing countries?

Thematic Presentation Rashid S. Kaukab, Independent Expert on Trade and Regulatory Issues

Discussants

Ahmed Ghoneim, Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt

Osei Boeh-Ocansey, Director General, Private Enterprise Foundation, Ghana

Chair: Louis Mafula, Regional Coordinator, Malawi Economic Justice Network

1030 – 1100 Tea/Coffee

1100-1130 Economic Partnership Agreement and UNCTAD: Where is the Link and Departure? What should be done to ensure strong cohesion?

Thematic Presentation Francis Mangeni, Expert on Multilateral Trade Law, Uganda

1130 -1300 Group Discussions

Participants will be divided into four groups to discuss four thematic issues and suggest recommendations.

Chair Siga Fatima Jagne, Director, Pro Poor Advocacy Group, The Gambia

1300 – 1400 Lunch

1400 – 1600 Closing

Presentation from Group Discussions and Adoption of Recommendations

Summary of Recommendations from Group Discussions Rajeev D. Mathur, Executive Director, CUTS International

Chair: Clement V. Onyango, Coordinator, CUTS Africa Resource Centre, Nairobi