

International Conference
Civil Society Organisations and Aid for Trade: Roles and Realities
Nairobi, Kenya, March 15-16, 2007

Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, 15th March 2007

0830-0900 **Registration**

0900-1030 **Inaugural**

Welcome and Introduction

Jasper Okelo, Board Member, CUTS Africa Resource Centre, Nairobi
Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International

Remarks

Elena Immambocus, Trade Policy Strategist, DFID, UK
David Ong'olo, Policy Economist, Royal Netherlands Embassy, Nairobi

Keynote Address

Sok Siphana, Director, Division of Technical Cooperation Coordination, International Trade Centre, Geneva

Inaugural Address

David S.O Nalo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Republic of Kenya

Vote of Thanks

Clement Onyango, Programme Coordinator, CUTS Africa Resource Centre, Nairobi

1030-1100 **Tea/Coffee**

1100-1130 **Curtain Raiser**

What is Aid for Trade in the WTO context?

Christine Manca, Programme Officer, CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics & Environment, Jaipur

1130-1300 **Session 1: Role of Civil Society Organisations in Aft**

- What groups are neglected in trade policy/Aft discussions?
- How do CSOs represent these groups?
- In what trade policy/Aft areas do CSOs contribute and how?

Chair: Walter Odero, Assistant Economic Adviser, DFID, Kenya

Brendan Vickers, Senior Researcher, Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa
Irene Banda, Acting Executive Director, Organisation Development and Community Management Trust, Zambia
Kimera Henry Richard, Chief Executive, Consumer Education Trust, Uganda

1300-1400 **Lunch**

1400-1530 Session 2: Capacity Constraints of CSOs in dealing with and Addressing AfT Needs of Countries

- What capacity constraints are hindering the engagement of CSOs in trade policy/AfT discussions?
- What support measures do CSOs require to address capacity constraints?

Chair: Tasara Muzorori, Senior Trade Officer, COMESA Secretariat, Zambia

Nathalie Vialle, Programme Officer, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, Geneva

Ros Khemara, Researcher, Economic Institute of Cambodia, Cambodia

Elizabeth Mueni Kiio, Programme Coordinator, Sustainable Livelihood, Oxfam GB, Nairobi

1530-1600 Tea/Coffee

1600-1730 Session 3: Effective Alliance between CSOs, Policy-makers and Private Enterprises

- What political obstacles do CSOs face in engaging in trade policy/AfT discussions?
- What strategies can CSOs use to build effective alliances with policy-makers?
- What will be the role for CSO-private sector alliances?

Chair: Maniam Supperamaniam, Former Malaysian Ambassador to the WTO

Abid Suleri, Assistant Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan
Ben Idrissa Ouedraogo, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Finance and Economic Development Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa
Ngo Thi Minh Huong, Deputy Director, Centre for Development and Integration, Vietnam

1900 Reception and dinner

Day 2: Friday, 16th March 2007

0915-0930 Recap of Day One

Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International

0930-1100 Session 4: Civil Society Perspectives on AfT Priorities

- To what degree does current AfT support respond to the needs of marginalised producers/groups?
- What AfT support areas need to be prioritised in order to best empower marginalised producers/groups?
- How effective/participatory are current diagnostic efforts?

Chair: Basil Jones, Senior Programme Specialist, International Development Research Centre, Nairobi

Hugo Cameron, International Trade Negotiations Expert, International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty, Canada

Mary Mwingira, Executive Director, Tanzanian Association of Non-Governmental Organisations, Tanzania

Belinda Njiru, Programme Officer, Centre for Governance and Development, Nairobi

1100-1130 Tea/Coffee

1130-1300 **Session 5: Linking AfT with Trade, Development and Poverty Reduction**

- How can the TDP project create links with the AfT process?
- What effective strategies can CSOs employ to contribute to this process?
- How WTO's Aid for Trade Initiative can bring forward the role of international trade as an instrument for development and poverty reduction?

Chair: Elena Immambocus, Trade Policy Strategist, DFID, UK

Mohammed Ali Rashid, Professor, North-South University, Bangladesh
Dushni Weerakoon, Deputy Director and Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka
Fred A. Miencha, Assistant Analyst, Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis, Kenya

1300-1400 **Lunch**

1400-1530 **Panel Discussion: AfT Progress and Challenges**

- What is the current state of progress in the AfT process?
- What needs to be done at the national and international level to take forward AfT?
- How is AfT linked to the Doha Round and will help in development and poverty reduction?
- How to incorporate views from relevant stakeholders in providing AfT?

Chair: Abdirizak Musa, Trade, Debt and Globalisation Specialist, United Nations Development Programme, South Africa

M. A. Razzaque, Economic Adviser, Commonwealth Secretariat, London
Margaret K. Chemengich, Consultant for Kenya Trade and Poverty Programme (KTPP) and COMESA-EPAs negotiations, The Ministry of Trade and Industry, Republic of Kenya
Xingmin Yin, Professor, Fudan University, China

1530-1600 **Tea/Coffee**

1600-1630 **Rapporteur's Presentation**

Gichinga Ndirangu, Trade Adviser, Oxfam International, Southern Africa Office, Pretoria
Selim Raihan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

1630-1700 **Valedictory Address**

Mosses Maina, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of East African and Regional Co-operation of Kenya

1700-1715 **Closing Remarks**

Maniam Supperamiam, Former Malaysian Ambassador to the WTO
Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International