

“Trade Union Conference on Economic Partnership Agreements – Africa/EU”

October 9-10, 2017
ITUC Africa Hotel, Lomé, Togo

Sunday, 8 October

Arrival of participants and registration:

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19.00-22.00 Welcome Reception and Dinner

Monday, 9 October

09.30 - 10.15 Session I. Opening of the Conference

Welcoming remarks by:

Kwasi Adu-Amankwah, General Secretary, ITUC-Africa

Yorgos Altintzis, ITUC

Salvatore Marra, CGIL-Italy representing ETUC

10.15 – 12.00 Session II. What can EPAs do for trade union rights?

Chaired by **Dauids Etyang**, EATUC

Short introductions by:

Boniswa Mahlangu, FEDUSA - South Africa

Yorgos Altintzis, ITUC

Philippe Réau, CFDT-France

General debate

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.15 Session III. The impact of trade liberalisation on Africa – what did we learn from past experiences?

Chaired by **Rosselyn Uba-Anarah**, NLC - Nigeria

Short introductions by:

Sylvester Bagoroo, Third World Network-Africa

Coovi Anselme Amoussou, CSA - Benin

Vaima Gounoung, UST - Chad

Faith Lumonya, SEATINI

General debate

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee and Tea break

15.45 – 17.00 Session IV. Gender and trade: adversely affected and excluded – how to overturn this reality?

Chaired by **N 'deye Nar Beye**, UNSAS - Senegal

Short introductions by:

Mariama Williams, Senior Programme Officer, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre

Rachael Limbe, MTUC - Malawi

Paliani Chinguwo, SATUCC

General debate

17.00 – 17.45 Session V. Discussion on the Continental Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)

Chaired by a **Komlan Eloi Nouwossan**, UNSIT - Togo

Comments by **Kwasi Adu-Amankwah**, ITUC-Africa

General debate

18.30 – 20.30 Dinner

Tuesday, 10 October

9:30 – 12.00 Session VI. EPAs and agriculture: decent work and food sovereignty

(a 10 minutes break decided by moderator)

Chaired by **Eric Manzi Mwezi**, CESTRAR – Rwanda

Introductions by:

Jacques Berthelot, Agro-Economist/Professor

Kingsley Ofei-Nkansah, Foodspan - Ghana

Modeste Ndongala N'Sibu, UNTC - DR Congo

General debate

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 Session VII. An industrial policy for Africa: structural transformation

Chaired by **Damaris Muhika**, COTU - Kenya

Introductions by:

Peter Lunenborg, South Centre

Faith Lumonya, SEATINI

Kwabena Nyarko Otoo, GTUC – Ghana

General Debate

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee and Tea break

16.00 – 17.00 Session VIII. Action on EPAs – a Trade Union Statement

Chaired by **Kwasi Adu-Amankwah**, ITUC-Africa (Key messages)

Messages by:

Rosselyn Uba-Anarah, NLC - Nigeria (Policy space)

Kwabena Nyarko Otoo, GTUC – Ghana (Agriculture)

Salvatore Marra, CGIL-Italy (Solidarity)

In the presence of:

Embassies of African countries and EU Member states

EU Mission to Togo

Press conference after the end of the session – TBD on the date

17.00 Session IX. Concluding remarks

Kwasi Adu-Amankwah, General Secretary, ITUC-Africa

Philippe Réau, CFDT-France representing ETUC