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On Trade in Goods for CEN-SAD, ECCAS  
ECOWAS and UMA Member States  
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Time	Activity	Responsible/Remarks
<b>Day 1 : Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2018</b>		
08.30 - 09.00	Arrival and Registration	
09.00 - 10.30	Opening of the Meeting	AUC, ECOWAS and Nigeria
Tea / Coffee Break		
11.00 – 11.30	Adoption of the Programme of Work	
11.30 – 12.00	Setting the Context	AfCFTA Unit
12.00 – 13.00	Implementation of HS across the Member States	AfCFTA Unit
Lunch		
14.00 – 15.00	Recommendation on the HS version to be used for the offers/schedules, as well as the tariff line level (6,8,10 digit)?	Discussions
Tea / Coffee Break		
15.30 – 17.30	The toolkit on the modalities on goods and then the expected economic implications	Simon Mevel, ATPC/UNECA
<b>Day 2: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018</b>		
08.30 - 09.00	Recap of Day 1	
09.00 - 10.30	The toolkit on the modalities on goods and then the expected economic implications	Discussions
Tea / Coffee Break		
11.00 -13.00	-Simulation of exclusions of [3-5]% of tariff books at national HS level in line with double-qualification criteria using the following parameters: -[3-5]% of intra-Africa imports (average imports of 2014-2016 OR 2015-2017 or 2013-2015); and; -With excluded products limited to no more than [3-25] % of HS-6 tariff lines within an HS Chapter. -Scheduling of tariff commitments in line with agreed modalities: examples of tariff phase-	▲ Jamie MacLeod, ATPC/UNECA Taisuko Ito-UNCTAD

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	down schedules using national tariff schedules/books	
Lunch		
14.00 – 15.30	Discussions	General
Tea / Coffee Break		
16.00 – 17.30	-Indicative criteria for self-designation of sensitive products and exclusion lists. Case studies. -How to accommodate LDCs within customs unions with common customs regimes in SDT flexibilities – experiences in other FTAs. -Double qualification criteria (anti-concentration clause) to balance national sensitivities (i.e. exclusion lists) with the objective of boosting intra-Africa Trade in line with BIAT.	Taisulo Ito-UNCTAD Jamie Macleod ATPC/UNECA
<b>Day 3: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017</b>		
08.30 - 09.00	Recap of Day 2	
09.00 – 10.30	Synthesising the Recommendations from the Presentations	Discussions
Tea / Coffee Break		
11.00 - 13.00	Indicative Market Access offers arising from the Presentations	Discussions
<b>Lunch</b>		
14.00 – 15.30	Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) – market access schedules, excluded products & intra-African import coverage and approaches to categorizing 'sensitive' products	Peter Lunenburg
Tea / Coffee Break		
16.00 – 17.30	Recommendations on the Criteria for self-designation of sensitive products and exclusion lists.	Peter Lunenburg
<b>Day 4: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017</b>		
08.30 - 09.00	African Countries Experiences on Market Access Offers at the WTO, Products, Percentages, Challenges, etc.	WTO TBC
09.00 - 10.30	Fiscal Implications of Removing Community Levies: <b>The cases of ECOWAS and CEMAC.</b>	AfDB

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Tea / Coffee Break		
11.00 – 13.00	Way forward	Discussions
Lunch		
14.00 - 17.30	Report Writing	
Tea / Coffee Break		
<b>Day 5: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017</b>		
08.30 – 09.00	Report Writing	
09.00 - 10.30	Report Writing	
Tea / Coffee Break		
11.00 – 13.00	Adoption of the Report of the Meeting Closing of the Meeting	
Lunch		
14.00 – 15.30	Finalization of Record of the Meeting	
Tea / Coffee Break		
15.30 – 17.30	Adoption of the Report of the Meeting Closing of the Meeting	