

Draft Programme

Expert Group Meeting (EGM)

Governing the Interface between the African Continental Free Trade Area and Regional Economic Communities Free Trade Areas: Issues, Opportunities and Challenges

16th September 2020: 11:00 am -17:00 pm (Ethiopian Time)

Wednesday, 16 th September 2020	
11:00 – 11:05 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Welcome Remarks by Stephen Karingi, Director ECA (RITD)
11:05 – 11:10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Overview of the programme by Francis Ikome, Chief RINS
11:10 – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation of draft report by the consultant, Dr. Wumi Olayiwola
12:00 – 12:40 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussion on chapters 1 & 2: Introduction/Overview of the AfCFTA and RECs FTAs
12:40 – 13:10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussions on chapter 3: RECs Trade in Services Liberalization Agenda and AfCFTA
13:10 – 14:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussions on chapters 4 & 5: Resolving the challenges of multiple trade regimes/ The Role of the RECs in Addressing Non-Tariff Barriers and Dispute Settlement in the AfCFTA
14:00 – 15:00 pm	Break, Break, Break
15:00 - 15:50 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussions on chapters 6 & 7: The RECs, the AfCFTA and the African Economic Community beyond the Continental Customs Union/The Political Economy of the Relationship between the RECs and a Continental System of integration
15:50 – 16:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussions on chapter 8: Analysis of Scenarios for the Interface of AfCFTA and RECs-FTAs
16:15 – 16:55 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussions on chapters 9 & 10: Advocacy and Sensitisation Strategy for Responsive Interface between AfCFTA and REC-FTAs/Conclusion and Policy Recommendations
16:55 – 17:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Wrap up and closure of the Meeting