

**Launch of the Report “Towards a Common Investment Area in the African Continental Free Trade Area: Levelling the Playing Field for Intra-African Investment”**

**8 December, 2021**

9:00 – 9:30	<b>Online Registration</b>
9:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Emily Mburu, Director, AfCFTA Secretariat (tbc)</li> <li>Mr. Chiza Charles Chiumya, Acting Director, Department of Industry, Mining and Entrepreneurship, AUC</li> <li>Stephen Karingi, Director Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Laura Páez, Market Institutions Section, RITD</b></p>
10:00 – 10:45	<p><b>Launch of the Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting the Scene: Interactive presentation of the Launch Package Mr. Sokunpanha You, ECA</li> <li>Presentation of key findings and recommendations of the Report Ms. Laura Páez, ECA</li> <li>Questions and Answers</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Sokunpanha You, Market Institutions Section, RITD</b></p>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Health Break</b>
11:00 – 12:20	<p><b>Panel Discussion on Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respondent interventions on the report: Respondent 1: Prof. Makane Mbengue, University of Geneva Respondent 2: Mr. Chiza Charles Chiumya, AUC Respondent 3: Ms. Halima Noor, AfCFTA Secretariat Respondent 4: Mr. Fikremarkos (tbc), AfCFTA Secretariat Respondent 5: Mr. Gashami, AfDB</li> <li><b>Open interactive discussion</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Joseph Baricako, Market Institutions Section, RITD</b></p>
12:20 – 12:30	<p><b>Wrap up and closure of event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing Remarks Mr. Stephen N. Karingi, ECA</li> </ul>