



United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa

**Launch of the tenth edition of the report entitled *Assessing
Regional Integration in Africa*, addressing services trade
liberalization and integration within the African Continental Free
Trade Area**

and the

**Report on governing the interface between the African Continental
Free Trade Area and regional economic communities**

Programme of work

Online

Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Launch of the tenth edition of the report entitled <i>Assessing Regional Integration in Africa</i>, addressing services trade liberalization and integration within the African Continental Free Trade Area	
7 December 2021	
12.30–1 p.m.	Registration
1–1.20 p.m.	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) • Chiza Charles Chiumya, Acting Director, Economic Development Department, African Union Commission • Andoh Obed Mensah, Director, Trade and Investment Climate Division African Development Bank • Daniel Owoko, Head, Regional Office for Africa, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
1.20–1.40 p.m.	<p>Presentation of key findings and recommendations of the tenth edition of <i>Assessing Regional Integration in Africa</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenter: Representative, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA • Questions and answers <p>Moderator: Emmanuel Olawale Ogunkola, University of Ibadan</p>
1:40–3 p.m.	<p>Panel discussion on the tenth edition of <i>Assessing Regional Integration in Africa</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francis Mangeni, formerly with the secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area • Emily Mburu, Director, Directorate of Trade in Services, Investment, Intellectual Property Rights and Digital Trade, secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area • Yao Dossina, Acting Director, Economic Affairs and Trade, African Union Commission • Salamat Ali, Economic Adviser and Trade Economist, Commonwealth. • Joy Kategekwa, Regional Strategic Adviser to the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Programme • Albert Makochekanwa, Trade Expert, University of Zimbabwe • Kolawole Sofola, Acting Director of Trade, African Development Bank • Viola Sawere, Regional Trade Advisor, Southern African Development Community <p>➤ Open interactive discussion/questions and answers</p> <p>Moderator: Emmanuel Olawale Ogunkola, University of Ibadan</p>
3–3.20 p.m.	Health break

Launch of the report on governing the interface between the African Continental Free Trade Area and regional economic communities

3.20–3.40 p.m.	<p>Presentation of key findings and recommendations of the report on governing the interface between the African Continental Free Trade Area regional economic communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenter: Representative, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA • Questions and answers <p>Moderator: Wumi Olayiwola, secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States</p>
3.40–5 p.m.	<p>Panel discussion on the report on governing the interface between the African Continental Free Trade Area and regional economic communities</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Onyango, Director of Trade, secretariat of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa • Jean-Denis Gabikini, Division of Regional Integration and Cooperation, African Union Commission • Beatrice Chaytor, Senior Expert, secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area • Trudi Hartzenbert, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre (TRALAC), South Africa • Zodwa Mabuza, Principal Regional Integration Officer, African Development Bank • Garth Le Pere, University of Pretoria • Emmanuel Konjoh, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Sierra Leone <p>➤ Open Interactive discussion/questions and answers</p> <p>Moderator: Wumi Olayiwola, secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States</p>
5–5.30 p.m.	<p>Wrap-up and end of event</p> <p>Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA</p>