



This Year's Theme

The AfCFTA: Revitalizing Pan
Africanism for Sustainable Peace
and Development in Africa

AGENDA

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MONDAY, 19 October 2020 - Virtual Events

13:45 - 14:45 (GMT+3)

Annual Book Launch

Title of the Book: Africa First

Author

Dr Jakkie Cilliers

Discussant

- Dr Martha Mutisi, Senior Programme Officer, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Moderator

- Prof. Kenneth Omeje, Director, Manifold Crown Consulting Services
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14:45 - 15:00 (GMT+3)

Break (15 minutes)

15:00 - 16:30 (GMT+3)

Meles Zenawi Lecture

Tribute to Benjamin Mkapa and Professor Thandika Mkandawire

Speakers:

- Dr. Adebayo Olukoshi, Director, Africa and West Asia IDEA
- Mr. Brian Kagoro, Director, Programme Support Division, Africa. Regional Office (AfRO), Open Society Foundation

Moderator

- Ms. Hannah Tsadik, Director of Global Policy, Life & Peace Institute (LPI)
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16:30 - 17:00 (GMT+3)

Break (30 minutes)

17:00 - 18:30 (GMT+3)

Side Event 1

Rebuilding After COVID-19: Lessons for Effective Governance and Sustainable Peace and Development in Africa (AACC)

Panellists

- H.E. Dr Workneh Gebeyehu, Executive Secretary, IGAD
- Professor Eddy Maloka, CEO, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)
- Dr Raji Tajudeen, Head, Division of Public Health Institutes and Research, Africa CDC
- Reverend Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, General Secretary, AACC
- Dr. Gilles Yabi, Founder, WATHI Citizen Think Tank, Senegal

Moderator

- H.E. Abdirahman Yusuf Ali Aynte, Former Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Somalia

Tuesday 20 October 2020

15:00 - 16:30 (GMT+3)

Opening Session

Welcome Address

- H.E. Temesgen Tiruneh, President of the Amhara Region
- H.E. Sahle-work Zewde, President of Ethiopia

Keynote Address

- H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, AU Commission Chairperson

State of Peace and Security in Africa 2020

- H.E. John Dramani Mahama, Chairperson, Tana Forum Board

UN75 Initiative and the Future of AU-UN Cooperation

- H.E. USG Fabrizio Hochschild Drummond, Special Advisor to the Secretary General, United Nations
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Side Event 2**The Other Pandemic: Illicit Financial Flows and COVID-19 (MSC)****Panellists:**

- Mr Martin Jäger, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin
- Ms Ghada Fathi Waly, Director General and Executive Director, Office on Drugs and Crime, United Nations, Vienna
- Hon Ambassador Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kenya, Nairobi

Moderator

- Dr Comfort Ero, Africa Program Director, International Crisis Group, Nairobi

Wednesday 21 October 2020

15:00 - 16:30 (GMT+3)

High-Level Panel**The AfCFTA, Revitalizing Pan-Africanism and Integration**

Since the signing of the Abuja Treaty of 1991 calling for the establishment of the African Economic Community in pursuit of a fully integrated Africa, continental economic integration has been a key objective for many member states. The AfCFTA's project of establishing economic solidarity among African states promises the peoples of the continent new horizons of prosperity and peace.

This High-Level Panel will bring together African Leaders to deliberate upon the vision of the AfCFTA and its potential for redefining Pan-Africanism for the 21st Century.

Guiding Questions

- Why and how does the AfCFTA revitalize the concept of Pan Africanism and transform continental integration in the pursuit for peace and security?
- What kind of economic development and growth does the AfCFTA foresee and how does that square with the developmental outlook of Pan-Africanism?
- What concrete steps can Member States undertake to accelerate AfCFTA in a post COVID 19 Africa order?

Panellists:

- H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Former President of Liberia
- H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia
- Mr. Stephen Karingi, Regional Integration and Trade Director, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Moderator

- H.E. Ambassador Abdoulaye Diop, Chief of Staff, African Union Commission

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**African University Essay Competition
Winners**

Panellists:

- Mr Darlington Tshuma, PhD Candidate, Peacebuilding Programme at the Durban University of Technology
- Mr Nnamani Chikezie Nchedo, Ph.D. student, Department of Biotechnology at the Federal University of Technology, Owerri
- Mr Sagni Getu Sori, Assistant Lecturer at the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ambo University

Moderator

- Dr. Yonas Adaye, Director, Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS)
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Thursday 22 October

15:00 - 16:30 (GMT+3)

Session 1**Accelerating the AfCFTA in the Context of Global Governance and COVID-19**

Even in the midst of a global crisis, the AfCFTA can serve as an effective tool to manage response and promote post-COVID recovery. The session will focus on opportunities for accelerating implementation of the AfCFTA amidst current global issues and threats - health epidemics, climate change and rising debt.

Guiding Questions

- How do international organizations working around COVID-19 contribute to the acceleration of the AfCFTA?
- What challenges do global governance institutions face and must address; and what are the links to Peace and Security?
- What linkages can be developed with the private sector to accelerate the AfCFTA?
- How are country-level implementation plans adapted in the COVID era?

Panellists

- H.E. Amira El Fadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission
- H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General, African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)
- Ms. Berhane Demissie, Managing Partner, Cepheus Capital
- Dr. Frannie Leautier, Senior Partner & CEO, South Bridge Investments

Moderator

- Dr Taffere Tesfachew, Former Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Friday 23 October 2020

13:45 - 14:45 (GMT+3)

Side Event 3**Towards the Pan-African Dream? African Feminist Considerations for the AfCFTA - (AfriFem Macroeconomics Collective)****Panellists**

- Ms Memory Kachambwa Director, FEMNET
- Ms Chenai Mukumba Policy Research and Advocacy Manager, Tax Justice Network, Africa
- Ms Fatimah Kelleher, International Women's Rights Strategist/Adviser

Moderator

- Ms Crystal Simeoni, Director, Nawi - AfriFem Macroeconomics Collective

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Break (15 minutes)

15:00 - 16:30 (GMT+3)

Session 2 **The AfCFTA and Conflict Transformation**

The AfCFTA, all other things being equal, has the enormous potential to reduce conflict by making development a mitigating factor to reduce conflict (e.g. border conflict). The more trade there is, the less likelihood for conflict. There is, therefore, the mutual dependence of peace and development. Unless leaders make the point to silence the guns, they will not be able to utilize the enormous potentials of free trade properly.

Guiding Questions

- What is the role of AfCFTA in relation to the different types of conflicts in Africa?
- How exactly will the AfCFTA play a mitigating role in easing conflicts within countries and between communal groups in a country?

Panellists:

- H.E. SRSG Hanna Tetteh, UN Special Representative to the African Union (UNOAU)
- H.E. SRSG Mankeur Ndiaye, Special Representative and Head of MINUSCA
- USG Ms. Cristina Duarte, Special Adviser on Africa to United Nations Secretary-General, Cape Verde
- H.E. Mr Rémi Maréchaux, Ambassador of France to Ethiopia and Representative to the African Union
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Moderator

- Ms. Faten Aggad, Adviser to the AU High Representative on Relations with the EU

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Side Event 4 **Peace And Stability: A Recipe For Successful AFCTA Implementation (Humanity United)**

Panellists:

- Mr Désiré Assogbavi, International Law Specialist and Expert on Pan African institutions and African politics.
- Mrs Fatima Yerima Askira, Founder and Executive Director, Borno Women Development Initiative
- Mr Rehema Mussanzi, Centre Resolution Conflicts
- Dr Jide Okeke, Africa Regional Programme Coordinator, UNDP
- Ms Yemisrach Kebede, Horn of Africa Regional Programme (HARP) Manager, Life & Peace Institute

Moderators:

- Mr Akwasi Aidoo, Senior Fellow at Humanity United
 - Ms Maria Kisumbi, Senior Advisor, Policy and Government Relations, Humanity United
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Saturday 24 October 2020

13:45 - 14:45 (GMT+3)

Voices from TANA

14:45 - 15:00 (GMT+3)

Break (15 minutes)

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**Session 3
Making the AfCFTA Work**

The implementation of the AfCFTA requires coordination across institutions, sectors and borders. But integration is not new to the continent and has been working fairly well. This session will explore what critical lessons to take from past and current practices as well as how actors, from local to global levels, can take up the mantle of implementation.

Guiding Questions

- What policy choices should Africa make to accelerate free trade across the continent?
- How can Africa harness and enhance the capabilities of youth to drive the AfCFTA?
- What is the role of the AfCFTA Secretariat in mobilizing a multi-sectoral approach to AfCFTA implementation?
- What role do international partnerships play in the accelerated implementation of the AfCFTA?
- What will successful AfCFTA implementation look like, and how can it be achieved beginning January 2021?

Panellists:

- H.E. Albert M. Muchanga, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, AU Commission
- Ambassador Stephan Auer, Ambassador of Germany to Ethiopia
- Ms. Maureen Achieng, IOM Chief of Mission to Ethiopia and Representative to AU and UNECA
- Mr Emmanuel K Bensah, Jr. Deputy Executive Director-AfCFTA Policy Network

Moderator

- Dr. David Luke, Coordinator, Africa Trade Policy Centre, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

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Closing Session

Moderator

- Chris Maroleng, Executive Director, Good Governance Africa

Takeaways:

- H.E. Ms Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union Commission
- H.E. Ms Bogolo Joy Kenewendo, Managing Director of Kenewendo Advisory, Former Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks

- H.E. Sahle-work Zewde, President of Ethiopia
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