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African TFTA

A key milestone for continental integration?

ICTSD EVENT – 29 JUNE 2015



Dear Colleague,

The International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) has the pleasure of inviting you to a half day event on the 29 June 2015.

The event

The Tripartite FTA was recently launched on 10 June 2015 during the Third Tripartite Summit held in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt.

The proposed "Grand" FTA will stretch from Cape to Cairo - creating an integrated market with a combined population of more than 600 million people and a total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of about US\$1 trillion. The TFTA comprises together the three largest Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Africa namely, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

ICTSD will convene experts and policymakers who have been involved in the TFTA negotiations to engage with Geneva-based African trade delegates on some of the implications around the new integrated environment in which their countries will operate, while providing Africa's trading partners with an opportunity to understand the new frameworks for trade in Africa.

Practical info

Venue: WTO building, Geneva (TBC)

Date: Monday, 29 June 2015

Time: 13:00-17:00. A light lunch will be served before the event.

Webcast: This event will be webcast. This event will also be streamed live online on the event page. Online viewers may send questions through Twitter using the hash tag [#TripartiteFTA](#), or [@ ICTSDDev](#). Selected questions will be read and addressed by the speakers during the Q&A session.

Registration: Registration is mandatory and we kindly ask you to register [here](#).

More information is available on the event webpage [here](#).

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