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United States-Sub-Saharan AfricaTrade and Economic Cooperation Forum (AGOA Forum)
August8-10, 2017, Lomé, Togo

"The U.S. and Africa:Partnering for Prosperity through Trade"

TUESDAYAUG 8, 2017

09:00 – 17:00	AGOA Private Sector Forum and Civil Society Forum
09:00 – 15:00	African Trade Ministers' Consultative Meeting *Location: Karen Room*
08:00 p.m.	VIP Gala Dinner *Location: Fazao Ballroom*

WEDNESDAY AUG 9, 2017

07:30 – 8:45 am	Arrival of Delegates / Registration
08:45 – 09:00 am	Seating of Delegates
09:00 – 10:20 am	Ministerial Opening Ceremony *OPEN TO PRESS* *Location: Main Pavilion* Remarks by Mme. Bernadette Legzim-Balouki, Minister of Trade, Togo Remarks by H.E. Mr. Albert Muchanga, Africa Union Commissioner for Trade and Industry Remarks by Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, U.S. Trade Representative Opening Speech byH.E. Faure Gnassingbe, President of the Republic of Togo
10:20 – 10:50 am	REFRESHMENT BREAK
10:50–10:54 am	Readout from African TradeMinisters' Consultative Meeting
10:54–10:57am	Readout on AGOA Private Sector Forum
10:57 – 11:00 am	Readout from Civil Society Forum

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11:00 – 12:30pm **PLENARY 1: The United States-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade Relationship**
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Location: Main Pavilion

Co-Chairs:
Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, U.S. Trade Representative
Dr Okechukwu Enelamah, Minister of Trade, Nigeria

12:30 – 2:00pm **VIP LUNCH (for Trade Ministers and Heads of Delegation)**
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Location: Fazao Ballroom

DELEGATES LUNCH
Location: Tent

2:00–3:30pm **BREAKOUT Sessions**

Regional Integration: The role of regional integration in developing regional supply chains and expanding regional markets.
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Location: Main Pavilion

Co-Chairs:
Chris Runyan, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa,USAID
H.E. Dr. Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa

Panelists:
Mr. Albert Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Trade and Industry
Ikechukwu Ofuani, Senior Manager, Global Government Relations and Public Policy, P&G
H.E. Mr. Laouali Chaibou, ECOWAS Commissioner for Trade, Customs and Free Movement

Trade and Labor: Integrating Labor Standards into Trade and Investment Policies: The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), building on the foundation of the 2016 Labor and Trade Ministerial, will host a panel on actionable steps towards integrating labor standards into trade and investment with an eye towards attracting and retaining foreign investment to support inclusive and sustainable economic growth through AGOA.
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Location: Breakout Tent
Opening Remarks:
S.E.M. Gilbert Bawara, Minister of Civil Service, Labor and Administrative Reform, Togo

Co-Chairs:
Matt Levin, Director, Office of Trade and Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor
H.E. Dr. Bekele Bulado, Minister of Trade, Ethiopia
Panelists:
Michael O'Donovan, Director for Labor Affairs, USTR
Caroline Mugalla, Executive Secretary, East African Trade Union Confederation

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Women and Trade: The Power of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Inclusive and Sustain Economic Growth through Textiles and Agribusiness: Aimed particularly at members of theAfrican Wome Entrepreneurship Program (AWEP) and other female participants, this session will address how entrepreneurs expand their businesses, particularly those in the agribusiness and textile sector, to-take advantage of AGOA.

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Location: Evala Presidential Dome

Moderator:Bo Machayo (USADF)

Co-Chairs:

Amy Holman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Trade Policy & Negotiations
H.E. Bernadette Legzim-Balouki,Minister of Commerce and Promotion of Private Sector,Togo

Panelists:

Brooke Buchanan, Vice President, Whole Foods
Olowo-n'djo Tchala, Founder/CEO, Alaffia
Bernadette Sossa, President, Association Mialebouni
Candide Leguede, Togo's Federation of Women Leaders of West Africa

Transportation Links to Catalyze Trade: This session will cover regional integration and logistics infrastructure opportunities/challenges in African markets, particularly as it relates to strengthening intra-Afri and U.S.-Africa trade links. USTDA and high level representatives from African governments, African privat sector, and U.S. private sector will discuss the opportunities and challenges in Africa's transportation sector. Aviation will be a focus area of discussion.

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Location: Concorde Auditorium

Co-Chairs:

Thomas Hardy, Director (Acting), U.S. Trade and Development Agency
H.E. Mr. Alioune Sarr, Minister of Trade, Industry, and the Informal Sector, Senegal

Panelists:

S.E.Mr. Ninsao Gnofam,Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Togo
Henok Teferra, CEO, ASKY Airlines
Dr. Elijah Chingosho, Secretary General, African Airlines Association
Gad Wavomba, Principal Consultant- Africa, Sabre Airline Solutions

3:30 – 3:45 pm **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

3:45 – 5:15 pm **BREAKOUT Sessions**

Investment:USAID and the Government of Botswana will join U.S. and African investment and financing institutions, including the U.S. Government's OPIC, to discuss constraints and opportunities for expanding investment, including through diversified financing solutions, risk mitigation mechanisms, and greater dome resource mobilization to support sustainable development.

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Location: Main Pavilion

Co-Chairs:

Chris Runyan, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa,USAID

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Biggie Butale, Honorable Assistant Minister of Investment, Trade and Industries, Government of Botswana

Panelists:

Peter Ballinger, Managing Director – Africa, OPIC
Abdul Rahman Abdulai, Head of Small and Medium Enterprises Department, Ecobank
Tilado Joseph Minoungou, Chargé de Missions (and Head of Agricultural Lending), Coris Bank International
Kanini Mutooni, Director for Investment, East Africa Trade and Investment Hub

Value for Money Infrastructure: There is broad consensus on the need for significant investments in infrastructure to attract private investment, connect markets to enhance trade and competitiveness, and spur inclusive growth. While the private sector can play a role in some infrastructure investments, including through PPPs, these arrangements also generate significant public-sector contingent liabilities. Much of the provision of basic infrastructure across Sub-Saharan Africa will continue to fall on governments. With limited fiscal space and growing debt burdens in many countries, ensuring value for money in public investment is critical. This session will examine country experience and tools for maximizing value for money in infrastructure investment.

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Location: Evala Presidential Dome

Co-Chairs:

Eric Meyer,Deputy Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Middle East and Africa
H.E. Mr. Souleymane Diarrassouba, Minister of Commerce, Craft, and SME Promotion, Republic ofCote d'Ivoire

Panelists:

Thomas Hardy, Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency
Bridget Poppy John, Executive Chairperson, Botswana Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board
Jonathan Richart, MCC Deputy Vice President for Infrastructure, Environment & Private Sector
Bacari Kone, Resident Advisor, AFRITAC West Africa

Linking Markets to the U.S.: Investing in Agribusiness and Land Reform: Representatives from USADF and MCC together with African partners willreview successful models for increasing agricultural productivity, developing/scaling up agro-business ventures and implementing land tenure reforms to facilitate greater investment in agro-business.

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Location: Concorde Auditorium
Moderator: Bo Machayo (USADF)

Co-Chairs:

Kim Ward, Managing Director of Programs, U.S.-Africa Development Foundation
H.E. Mr. Lazare Séhouéto, Minister of Trade, Industry, and Small and Medium Enterprises, Benin

Panelists:

Olowo-n'djo Tchala, Founder and CEO of Alaffia
Brian Doe, Regional Director, Africa and the Middle East, Whole Foods Market
Grace Morgan, Director of Threshold Programs at the Millennium Challenge Corporation Togo
Eric Newman, Country Program Coordinator, USADF Benin
Adamu Garba, Director of Diamond Development Initiatives, Nigeria

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WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement: Unlocking the benefits for Agriculture by streamlining SPS formalities and procedures: Panelistswill speak to the importance of the new "Trade Facilitation Agreemer (TFA) as it relates to agriculture and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) regulations in the AGOA countries, a. how TFA can benefit trade between the AGOA members and the United States.

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Location: Breakout Tent

Co-Chairs:
Skip Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce
Mr. Alan Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Republic ofGhana

Panelists:
Dr. Augustine Sangson Langyintuo, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group
Janet A. Forest, Customs and International Trade Lawyer, J. Forest Consulting
Viondette Lopez, SPS Policy Director, Africa, Middle East, Afghanistan, Pakistan & Turkey, U Department of Agriculture

5:30 – 6:30 pm **Trade Ministers Only Meeting**
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Location: Karen Room

Co-Chairs:
Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, U.S. Trade Representative
H.E. Bernadette Legzim-Balouki,Minister of Commerce and Promotion of Priva Sector,Togo

8:30 p.m. **Togo Cultural Event: Fashing Show**
Location: Palais du Congres
Hosted by AGOA Fashion Week and the Government of Togo

THURSDAY AUG 10, 2017

09:00 – 10:30am PLENARY 2– A Conversation with U.S. Congressional Representatives

10:45 – 12:15 am BREAKOUT Sessions

Public Health and Trade: Role of Trade and Commerce in Addressing Non-Communicable Diseases through Improvements in Financing, Regulatory Systems, and Capacity Strengthening. The role of sustainable financing and regulatory mechanisms to strengthen the health system for effective prevention and treatment of non-communicable diseases, reinforcing the foundation for trade, investment and inclusive econoı growth.

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Location: Breakout Tent
Co-Chairs:
Eric Meyer Deputy Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Middle East and Africa
Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives, Uganda

Panelists:
Professor Moustafa Mijiyawa, Minister of Health and Social Protection, Togo
Niranjan Konduri, Principal Technical Advisor, Management Sciences for Health

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Applying Tools of Agricultural Biotechnology to Address Food Security in Africa: A panel of scientists, plant breeders, and government officials will discuss how various agricultural biotechnology approaches are being used to address food security across Africa.

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Location: Concorde Auditorium

Co-Chairs:

David Wolf, Agricultural Counselor, U.S. Embassy - Accra
Mr. Wiskes D.G. Nkombezi, Assistant Director of Trade at the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism

Panelists:

Kayode Sanni, Project Manager, African Agricultural Technology Foundation
Eric Okoree, CEO, National Biosafety Authority, Ghana
Bonfoh Bédibètè, Togo Institute for Agricultural Research (ITRA), Togo

Gas-Fired Power Solutions: Many African countries are turning to gas-fired power solutions to provide reliable and cost-competitive energy solutions that support the expansion of trade and investment. USTDA will review how recent technology advancements enable African countries to use mobile electricity generation solutions— or "Fast Power" - to quickly expand generation capacity, stabilize the grid in the event of disruption and provide sustainable baseload power solutions. Power Africa will discuss policy reforms that support the expansion of gas-fired power in Africa and how these solutions are powering trade. Contour Global will discuss the private sector perspective and highlight their OPIC-financed investment project in Togo.

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Location: Main Pavilion

Co-Chairs:

Thomas Hardy, Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency
Carlos Dos Santos, Ambassador of Mozambique to the United States

Panelists:

Diogo Vaz Guedes, Chairman and CEO, Kuikila Investments
Akinwole Omoboriowo II, Chairman & CEO, Genesis Energy
Albert Osueke, Power Africa Coordinators Office, USAID
Representative from ContourGlobal

Note: *A grant signing for the* ***Mozambique Chokwe Gas Fired Power Feasibility Study*** will follow this session.

Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement: Protecting Against Counterfeit and Pirated Goods in the 21st Century

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Location: Evala Presidential Dome

Co-Chairs:

Mr. Skip Jones,Deputy Assistant Secretary ofCommerce
Emmanuel Hategeka, Chief Operating Officer, Rwanda Development Board

Speakers:

Amy Holman Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Trade Policy

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Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Kenya Principal Secretary for the State Department of Trade in the Ministry Industry, Trade and Co-operatives

12:15 – 1:00pm	**A Visit to the Trade booths**
12:30 – 2:00 pm	**VIP LUNCH (for Trade Ministers and Heads of Delegation)** ***Location: Fazao Ballroom***
1:00 – 2:00 pm	**DELEGATES LUNCH** **Location: Tent**
2:00 - 3:30 pm	**PLENARY 3: The Role of AGOA in U.S.-Africa Cooperation** *CLOSED TO PRESS* ***Location: Main Pavilion*** **Co-Chairs:** Peter Barlerin, Senior Bureau Official – Africa Bureau H.E. Mr. Albert Muchanga, Africa Union Commissioner for Trade and Industry
3:30- 4:30 pm	**Closing Ceremony** *OPEN TO PRESS* Remarks by David Gilmour, U.S. Ambassador to Togo Remarks by Government of Togo Representative
4:30 – 6:30 pm	**Closing Reception hosted by the U.S. Delegation** ***Location: Fazao Ballroom***

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