



**AGOA CSO/AWEP Session
of the
17th US-Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum
“Forging New Strategies for U.S.-Africa Trade and Investment”**

The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Expanding U.S.- Africa Trade and Investment

**July 9 - 11, 2018
Washington, DC**

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018

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| 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm | <i>Hotel Check-In</i> | |
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| 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | <i>Welcome and Registration</i> | Hotel Lobby |
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MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

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| 8:00 am - 8:30 am | <i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i> | CIPE Conference Center |
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| 8:30 am – 9:30 am | OPENING CEREMONY | CIPE conference Center |
| | Welcome and Introductions: Fred Oladeinde , Chair, AGOA CSO Network Secretariat | |
| | Andrew Wilson , Executive Director, Center for International private Enterprise (CIPE) | |
| | Otunba Toyin Akomolafe , President, Nigerian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC) | |
| | Opening Remarks: Stephanie Sullivan , Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of State | |
| | Q&A | |

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| 9:40 am - 10:55 am | PANEL I: New Strategies for U.S. – Africa Trade and Investment | |
| | Moderator: Tony Carroll , Vice President, Manchester Trade | |
| | Panelists: | |
| | Q&A | |

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| 10:55 am – 11:10 am | COFFEE BREAK | |
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| 11:15 am –12:30 pm | PANEL II: Promoting Prosperity through MSME Participation in AGOA | CIPE Conference Center |
| | Moderator: Lars Benson , Regional Director for Africa, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) | |
| | Panelists: | |
| | Q&A | |

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| 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm | LUNCHEON | |
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| 2:15 pm -3:30 pm | PANEL III: The Way Forward for AGOA: A Moderated Discussion on Labor in Sub Saharan Africa (SSA) | CIPE Conference Center |
| | Moderator: Jeff Vogt , Legal Director, The Solidarity Center | |
| | Panelists: | |
| | Q&A | |

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

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| 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm | PANEL IV: Workshop on AGOA Country Utilization Plan for Civil Society | CIPE Conference Center |
| | Lead Facilitator: Fred Oladeinde, Chair, AGOA CSO Network Secretariat | |

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018

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| 8:00 am – 8:30 am | Registration and Continental Breakfast | CIPE Conference Center |
| 8:30 am – 9:30 am | CONGRESSIONAL REMARKS | |
| 9:40 am – 10:55 am | PANEL V: Optimizing the Social and Economic Development of Women and Youth Under AGOA | |
| | Moderator: Candance L. Bates, Senior Policy Advisor and Regional Team Lead, Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State | |
| | Panelists: | |
| | Q&A | |
| 11:00 am -12:15 am | PANEL VI: The Role of the Diaspora in US- Africa Trade and Investment | |
| | Moderator: Dr. Remi Duyile, Chair, Pan Africa Diaspora Women Association, and President/CEO Image Consulting Group | |
| | Panelists: | |
| | Q&A | |
| 12:15 pm -1:15 pm | LUNCH | |
| 1: 30 pm - 3:15 pm | BREAKOUT SESSIONS NEW STRATEGIES FOR US-AFRICA TRADE & INVESTMENT; MSMES; LABOR; WOMEN & YOUTH; and the DIASPORA Recommendations and Communiqué Drafting for Read Out during Ministerial Roundtable Coordinator: AGOA CSO Network Secretariat | |
| 3:15 pm -3:30pm | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm | CLOSING: Groups Re-Convvene for Review of Recommendations | |

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WEDNESDAY, July 11, 2018
17th AGOA FORUM MINISTERIAL

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| 7:45 am -8:45 am | <i>Arrival of Delegates / Registration</i> | U.S. Department of State 22nd & C St NW- Main Entrance |
| 8:45 am-9:00 am | <i>Seating of Delegates</i> | |
| 9:00 am - 9:40 am | <i>Ministerial Opening Ceremony</i> | |
| 9:45 am -9:50 am | <i>Opening Remarks by USG Representative</i> | |
| 9:50 am -9:55 am | <i>Remarks by Togolese Trade Minister</i> | |
| 9:55 am-10:00 am | <i>Readout from African Trade Ministers' Consultative Meeting</i> | |
| | <i>Readout on Private Sector Forum</i> | |
| | <i>Readout on Civil Society Forum</i> | |
| 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | <i>Civil Society and Congressional Discussion on AGOA</i> | The Heritage Foundation |
| | Moderator: Joshua Meservey , Senior Policy Analyst, Africa and the Middle East, The Heritage Foundation | |