

AGENDA

The Leadership Collective of The AGOA Civil Society Forum
July 9, 2018

9 AM – 9:15 AM OPENING PLENARY ADDRESS

Ambassador Arikana Chihombori, African Union
Sponsor Welcome

9:15 – 10:30 WORKSHOP I

Sharing the benefits of trade: How well do governments ensure that rising national income benefits citizens?

Invited co-conveners: Waseem Mardini, Publish What You Pay USA; and Nii Akuetteh, Advocacy Network for Africa

10:30 – 10:45 BREAK

10:45 – 12:00 WORKSHOP II

Protecting workers in a growing economy: Ensuring that the labor rights of workers is not only an undeniable public good, but is critical in an age of social investment.

Invited co-conveners: Imani Countess/Emily Williams, Solidarity Center; and Hanna Wetters, Center for International Private Enterprise

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 2:15 WORKSHOP III

Women's social and economic rights: The informal sector dominates most sub-Saharan African economies and women manage the lion's share of these businesses, but do they enjoy equal access to opportunity in their countries?

Invited co-conveners: Tinuade Akinshola, Pan Africa Diaspora Women's Association; and Barbara Broomell, Center for International Private Enterprise

2:15 – 2:30 BREAK

2:30 -- 3:15 WORKSHOP IV

Rule of law and economic development: Are African legal systems protecting basic human and civil rights while creating an attractive investment climate?

Invited co-conveners: Adotei Akwei, Amnesty International USA; and Katherine Kuhlmann, New Markets Lab

3:15 – 3:45 BREAKOUT SESSION FOR SUMMATION DEVELOPMENT

3:45 – 4:30 SUMMATION OF WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

Presented by participating NGOs

4:30 – 5:00 CLOSING AND CALL FOR CONTINUING WORK: DECLARATION OF FINDINGS