

# Ambassador Katherine Tai Co-Leads the Meeting of the U.S.-East African Community Trade and Investment Framework Agreement Readout

July 18, 2023

NAIROBI – United States Trade Representative Katherine Tai today co-lead a meeting of the U.S.-East African Community (EAC) Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Council. This meeting marks the fifteen-year anniversary of the U.S.-EAC TIFA. The meeting was co-lead by Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki, Secretary General of the EAC. The EAC is composed of seven Partner States: The Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Sudan, the Republic of Uganda, and the United Republic of Tanzania.

During the meeting, Ambassador Tai and EAC Partner States highlighted the success of the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit held in Washington, D.C. this past December and the increased engagement by leaders of the Biden-Harris Administration with the EAC and the continent.

Ambassador Tai and Partner States also discussed the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat (AfCFTA). Ambassador Tai stressed that the United States Congress will ultimately make final decisions on AGOA, thanked EAC Partner States for the insightful conversation, and welcomed further communication on these issues.

Ambassador Tai reinforced the partnership between the U.S. and the EAC. Both sides look forward to the work ahead including the 2023 AGOA forum.

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# Ambassador Katherine Tai to Travel to Kenya

July 13, 2023

WASHINGTON – United States Trade Representative Katherine Tai will travel to Nairobi, Kenya from July 17-19, 2023 to co-lead a meeting of the U.S. – East African Community (EAC) Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Council. This meeting marks the fifteen-year anniversary of the U.S. – EAC TIFA, and comes as the Biden-Harris Administration intensifies engagement both bilaterally with Kenya and throughout the continent.

During this trip, Ambassador Tai will meet with senior government officials in Kenya, including President William Ruto, Cabinet Secretary for Trade Moses Kuria, and Cabinet Secretary for EAC and Arid and Semi-Arid Lands Rebecca Miano. She will also meet with U.S. Ambassador Meg Whitman.

Ambassador Tai will also meet with labor stakeholders, members of Kenya's civil society, local businesses, and private sector representatives to discuss opportunities for increased cooperation with the United States. Ambassador Tai will also join U.S. Ambassador to Kenya, Meg Whitman, to meet with local youth and women entrepreneurs and discuss how the two countries can promote inclusive trade and economic prosperity for all.

Additional details on Ambassador Tai's meetings and events in Nairobi will be provided at a later date.

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