



# 2006 AGOA Civil Society Forum

## June 6-7, 2006 • Washington, DC

### Schedule of Work

#### **Tuesday, June 6, 2006**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Registration**

8:30 - 10:15 AM **"Listening to Africa" hosted by Kojo Nnamdi, TV/Radio Commentator**

Betts Theatre, Marvin Center, George Washington University  
800 21st St. NW, Washington, DC

#### **Panel 1: Voices of African Entrepreneurs**

*Uganda: Arabica Coffee Exporters*

Mr. Paul Mugambwa\*, Victoria Coffee Ltd.

*South Africa: Black-Owned Wine Producers and Exporters*

Mr. Jabulani Ntshangase\*, Thabani Wines

*Côte d'Ivoire: Cocoa Producers Farmer Field School*

TBA

*Nigeria: African Sustainable Small Enterprise Development Foundation*

Ms. Shade Bembatoum-Young\*, ASSEED

*Ghana: Federation of Association of Ghanaian Exporters*

Mr. Anthony Sikpa\*, FAGE

10:15 - 11:00 AM **Panel 2: AGOA and the Reality of Financing for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)**

Betts Theatre, Marvin Center, George Washington University

**MC:** Ms. Viji Rangaswami, Carnegie Foundation

*OPIC:* Mr. John Simon, Executive Vice President

*EX-IM:* Mr. John Richter, Regional Director for Africa

*SBA:* Mr. Manuel Rosales, Associate Administrator

11:00 - 11:15 AM

#### **Coffee Break**

**Sponsored by the Uganda Coffee Development Authority**

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM **Opening Plenary**

Betts Theatre, Marvin Center, George Washington University

**MC:** Mr. Ray Almeida, Bread for the World

*Assessment of AGOA at 5: Where are we?*

Mr. Erastus Mwencha, Secretary General, COMESA

Dr. Paul Brenton, World Bank

*Civil Society as AGOA stakeholder: Opportunity and Responsibilities*

Rev. David Beckmann, Bread for the World

12:30 - 2:30 PM

**AGOA Civil Society Stakeholders Luncheon (SEATING LIMITED)**

**Sponsored by the German Marshall Fund of the U.S.**

Marvin Center, Columbian Square Dining Room, GWU

**MC:** Mr. Leonard Robinson, Africa Society

**Welcome:** Mr. Randy Soderquist, German Marshall Fund of the U.S.

**Speaker:** Mr. Mandisi Mpahlwa, Minister for Trade and Industry,  
South Africa

2:30 - 4:00 PM

**Workshops**

Funger Hall, School of Business, George Washington University

**1: Local and Regional Markets: Building Blocks for Trade Capacity**

US PVO experience shows that targeted investment in building the capacity of African SMEs – including farmer-owned cooperatives and rural businesses – to participate in local, national and regional markets effectively builds their capacity to take advantage of export opportunities. How can AGOA better support regional integration and market development?

**Facilitator:** Dr. Daniel Karanja, Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa

Dr. John Kilama, Global Bioscience Development Institute

Mr. Joshua Walton, ACDI/VOCA

Ms. Phyllis Shearer Jones, Elan International, LLC

**2: AGOA, GSP, and Doha**

The expiration of the MFA, potential expansion of GSP benefits in this year's reauthorization and the duty-free, quota-free access for LDCs provision included in the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial text all point to new challenges for AGOA countries. What can be done to address these challenges positively and without resisting greater market access for other poor countries?

**Facilitator:** Ms. Emily Byers, Bread for the World

Ms. Florizelle Liser, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa  
(invited)

Ms. Faraniaina Bernard\*, APB Consulting

Ms. Katrin Kuhlmann, Women's Edge Coalition

Mr. Tshediso Matona, D.G., South Africa Dept. of Trade and Industry

**3: Market Access under AGOA: Still Room for Improvement**

Though exports from Africa to the United States have grown under AGOA thanks to new market access, there are still important improvements that could be made to AGOA's market access provisions. Exports have been concentrated in a few sectors, notably petroleum and apparel. In addition, important provisions for the nascent apparel industry are due to expire in the near future. What changes to AGOA could help spur greater diversification of African exports? What can be done to help solidify the gains made in the apparel sector?

**Facilitator:** Ms. Katherine Daniels, OXFAM America

Mr. Tim Reif, House Ways and Means Committee

Ms. Manisha Singh, Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Mr. Ibrahima Coulibaly\*, Association of Professional Peasant Organizations (Mali)

4:00 - 4:15 PM **Coffee Break**  
**Sponsored by the Uganda Coffee Development Authority**

4:15 - 5:30 PM **Plenary 2: Advocacy for AGOA**  
Auditorium, Fungur Hall, George Washington University  
*Framing Questions for Congress*  
*Overview of Pending Trade Legislation*  
Mr. Gawain Kripke, OXFAM America  
Ms. Kathy Pomroy, Bread for the World

6:00 - 8:00 PM **Joint Forum Reception**  
State Department  
*Invitation Only*

### **Wednesday, June 7, 2006**

8:30 - 9:00 AM **Breakfast/Coffee/Pastries**  
Fungur Hall, School of Business, George Washington University

9:00 - 10:30 AM **Workshops**  
Fungur Hall, School of Business, George Washington University

#### ***4: Expanding AGOA: Travel and Tourism, etc.***

Tourism has the potential to be a source of broad-based economic growth in Africa, creating jobs and business opportunities for local entrepreneurs. But how can the African tourism industry be developed in a way that keeps the profits close to home, sustaining communities? And could AGOA help make it happen?

**Facilitator:** Ms. Kristen Lamoureux, Intl. Institute of Tourism Studies, GWU  
Mr. David Saunders, African Travel Association  
Ms. Roberta Hillbruner, Sustainable Tourism Group, USAID  
Mr. Iain Christie, George Washington University

#### ***5: Aid-for-Trade: Can AGOA Deliver?***

It is now nearly universally recognized that the causal links between market access, increased trade, economic growth and poverty reduction are tenuous. There are tremendous local constraints and complexities that must be addressed if more open trade is to translate into poverty reduction. What kinds of capacity building assistance would help strengthen these links?

**Facilitator:** Ms. Vanessa Ulmer,  
German Marshall Fund of the U.S.  
Ms. Susan Bornstein, TechnoServe, Inc.  
Ms. Dominique Njinkeu, African Economic Research  
Mr. Ajay Vashee\*, Southern African Agricultural Union (Zambia)

**6: Making AGOA Work for Poor People: Oversight from the Bottom Up**

AGOA will not have dramatic impact on poverty if it is driven solely from the top, down. Rather, a successful AGOA must be shaped by the priorities of poor people. This panel will explore the role of civil society in monitoring the impacts of AGOA and what grassroots groups are doing to pressure to their governments to put poverty at the center of each country's AGOA agenda.

**Facilitator:** Ms. Lawrence Adams\*, POSDEV (Ghana)  
Mr. Malcolm Damon\*, Economic Justice Network of  
Southern Africa (S. Africa)  
Mr. Fred Oladeinde, Foundation for Democracy in Africa

10:30 - 11:30 AM **Transport to Capitol Hill/Depart Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro**

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM **Capitol Hill Luncheon (SEATING LIMITED)  
Sponsored by the World Cocoa Foundation**

Montpelier Room, Madison Building, Library of Congress  
Independence Avenue and 1st Street, SE  
*Poverty Reduction and the AGOA Agenda*

**MC:** Mr. Ray Offenheiser, OXFAM America

**Welcome:** Mr. William Guyton, World Cocoa Foundation

**Speaker:** The Honorable Vivian L. Derryck, Academy  
for Educational Development

1:30 - 2:00 PM **Capitol Hill Security Check**

2:00 - 3:00 PM **Congressional "Town Hall" Meeting on the Future of AGOA**

House International Relations Committee Room, Rayburn 2172  
*Member statements*

*Q&A with Civil Society Forum Representatives to Members*

**MC:** Mr. Ray Almeida, Bread for the World

Hon. Bill Thomas, Chairman, Ways and Means (R-CA) (conf)

Hon. Charles Rangel (D-NY) (invited)

Hon. Tom Lantos (D-CA) (invited)

Hon. Jim McDermott (D-WA) (confirmed)

Hon. Chris Smith (R-NJ) (confirmed)

Hon. Don Payne (D-NJ) (confirmed)

Hon. Ed Royce (R-CA) (confirmed)

Hon. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) (invited)

3:00 - 4:00 PM **Q&A with Congressional Staffers**

House International Relations Committee Room, Rayburn 2172

*A more in-depth discussion with the Congressional staffers who will  
work on future trade and development legislation.*

**MC:** Ms. Bernadette Paolo, Africa Society

Mr. Gregory Simpkins (Rep. Smith, R-NJ) (confirmed)

Dr. Pearl Alice Marsh (Rep. Lantos, D-CA) (confirmed)

Ms. Angela Ellard (Rep. Thomas, R-CA) (confirmed)

Mr. Jayme White (Rep. McDermott, D-WA) (confirmed)

Mr. Tom Sheehy (Rep. Royce, R-CA) (invited)

Mr. George Dalley (Rep. Rangel, D-NY) (invited)

Ms. Noelle Lusane (Rep. Payne, D-NJ) (invited)

Mr. Tim Reif, (D-House Ways and Means) (invited)

Ms. Manisha Singh (R-Senate Foreign Relations) (invited)

Ms. Heather Flynn (D-Senate Foreign Relations) (invited)

4:00 -5:00 PM

**Closing Plenary**

House International Relations Committee Room, Rayburn 2172

*The Way Forward: A Common Advocacy Agenda*

What are the five most important conclusions of the 2006 Civil Society Forum? Can these be turned into legislative goals? Can we agree on an advocacy strategy to pursue going forward? What is the next step?

**MC:** Mr. Nii Akuetteh, TransAfrica Scholars Council

Ms. Vore Seck\*, CONGAD (Senegal)

5:30 - 7:00 PM

**Civil Society Forum Cocktail Reception**

Rayburn Cafeteria

*Live music courtesy of the Embassy of Cape Verde*

*Wine courtesy of the Embassy of South Africa*

**MC:** Mr. Mel Foote, Constituency for Africa

**Thursday, June 8, 2006**

2:00 - 4:30 PM

**Hearing before the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, House International Relations Committee**

U.S. House of Representatives

*Removing Obstacles to African Entrepreneurship*