



AGOA Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Advocacy

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Visit with Members of Congress by Civil Society Organizations, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Trade Ministers, and other stakeholders to – Deliver a Signed Petition and Advocate for the Timely Reauthorization and Enhancement of AGOA Beyond 2025 by 118th Congress

Panel Discussion – The Why, How and When of AGOA Reauthorization and Enhancement and Reception

**U.S. Capitol Visitors Center, CVC 217, South Congressional Meeting Room
Washington, DC**

1:50 pm

Registration

2:00 pm – 2:10 pm

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Révérénd Milenge Mwenelwata, Vice Chair, AGOA CSO Network Francophone Africa and Secretary General, Syndcat D'Entraide Chretienne

Reverend Heather Taylor, Managing Director, Bread for the World
H.E. Hilda Suka-Mafudze, African Union Ambassador to the United States

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Panel Discussion

Remarks:

H.E. Julien Paluku Kahongya, Minister Commerce Exterior Democratic Republic of the Congo

Moderator: Fred Oladeinde, Chairman, the AGOA Civil Society Organization (CSO) Network, and President, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa

Panelists:

Abiola Afolayan, Director of the Policy and Research Institute Bread for World

Dr. Malcolm Beech, President, African Diaspora Alliance, U.S.

Dr. Olivier Kamanzi, Chairman, Africa Global Chamber of Commerce

Witney Schneidman, CEO of Schneidman and Associates International and Wilson Center Africa Program Advisory Council

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Remarks:

The Honorable Jonathan Jackson, United States Representative, 1st District of Illinois (D)

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, United States Representative, 20th District of Florida (D)

The Honorable Gregory Meeks, United States Representative, 5th District of New York (D) and Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee

Rosa Whitaker, President and CEO, The Whitaker Group

H.E. Albert M. Muchanga, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission

4:00 pm

Closing Remarks