

HOW TO MAKE EU TRADE POLICY MORE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED?

Online Civil Society Workshop November 3, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

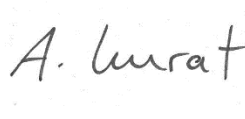
We warmly invite you to our online civil society workshop on “How to make EU trade policy more sustainable development oriented?”. One objective of the workshop is to discuss EU trade policy with regard to its coherence to fulfilling the Agenda 2030 and the Paris Agreement. We will look into the new EU-Africa trade strategy, the post-Cotonou agreement and African initiatives such as the African Continental Free Trade Area. We will assess them from a civil society perspective with regard to their effects on human rights and sustainable development. Another objective is to identify opportunities to influence EU trade policy and to develop key civil society advocacy messages to be communicated in on-going trade-related policy processes. A specific focus will be on the collaboration of African and European civil society to make EU trade policy outcomes more conducive to sustainable development and human rights on the African continent.

Please, find the program below. The workshop will be online (via zoom). You will receive the dial-in details after registration.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you!



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PROGRAM

Facilitation: **Caroline Paulick-Thiel, Director Politics for Tomorrow**

9:00	Welcome Alexandra Rosén (CONCORD) Sonja Grigat (VENRO)
9:15	Introduction to EU trade policy EU-Trade Policy – Perspectives from Africa Jane Nalunga (Executive Director, SEATINI) EU-Trade initiatives from a European Civil Society Perspective Marc Maes (Policy Officer, 11.11.11.) EU Presidency Priorities Germany, Portugal, Slovenia Sonja Grigat (Policy Advisor, VENRO)
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	EU-Africa relations and trade The future ACP-Agreement and the new EU-Africa Trade strategy Marc Maes (Policy Officer, 11.11.11.) Civil Society Perspectives on the African Continental Free Trade Agreement Boniface Mabanza (Coordinator, KASA) Philomena Apiko (Policy Officer, ecdpm)
11:45	EU-Africa trade relations – Opportunities, challenges and open questions for civil society advocacy Interactive Group Work
12:30	Lunch Break

WHEN?

November 3, 2020,
9 AM to 4:00 PM (CET)

WHERE?

[Zoom](#)
Meeting ID: 952 9880
6074
Password: 123540

REGISTRATION

Please, register until
October 29, 2020 via
[this link](#).

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13:30	Trade from an intersectional perspective – Race, Gender and Inequality Lebohang Liepollo Pheko (Senior Research Fellow, Trade Collective)
14:00	“What do we need to be successful?” Civil Society collaboration to address trade challenges for sustainability Interactive Group Work
15:30	Wrap-up
16:00	End of Meeting



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