“Trade Union Conference on Economic Partnership Agreements – Africa/EU”

October 9-10, 2017
ITUC Africa Hotel, Lomé, Togo

Sunday, 8 October

Arrival of participants and registration:
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19.00-22.00 Welcome Reception and Dinner

Monday, 9 October

09.30 - 10.15 Session I. Opening of the Conference
Welcoming remarks by:

Kwasi Adu-Amankwah, General Secretary, ITUC-Africa
Yorgos Altintzis, ITUC
Salvatore Marra, CGIL-Italy representing ETUC

10.15 – 12.00 Session II. What can EPAs do for trade union rights?
Chaired by Davids Etyang, EATUC

Short introductions by:
Boniswa Mahlangu, FEDUSA - South Africa
Yorgos Altintzis, ITUC
Philippe Réau, CFDT-France

General debate

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch break
14.00 – 15.15 Session III. The impact of trade liberalisation on Africa – what did we learn from past experiences?

Chaired by Rosselyn Uba-Anarah, NLC - Nigeria

Short introductions by:
Sylvester Bagoroo, Third World Network-Africa
Coovi Anselme Amoussou, CSA - Benin
Vaima Gounoung, UST - Chad
Faith Lumonya, SEATINI

General debate

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee and Tea break

15.45 – 17.00 Session IV. Gender and trade: adversely affected and excluded – how to overturn this reality?

Chaired by N ‘deye Nar Beye, UNSAS - Senegal

Short introductions by:
Mariama Williams, Senior Programme Officer, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre
Rachael Limbe, MTUC - Malawi
Paliani Chinguwo, SATUCC

General debate

17.00 – 17.45 Session V. Discussion on the Continental Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)

Chaired by a Komlan Eloi Nouwossan, UNSIT - Togo

Comments by Kwasi Adu-Amankwah, ITUC-Africa

General debate

18.30 – 20.30 Dinner

Tuesday, 10 October

9:30 – 12.00 Session VI. EPAs and agriculture: decent work and food sovereignty
(a 10 minutes break decided by moderator)

Chaired by Eric Manzi Mwezi, CESTRAR – Rwanda

Introductions by:
Jacques Berthelot, Agro-Economist/Professor
Kingsley Ofei-Nkansah, Foodspan - Ghana
Modeste Ndongala N’Sibu, UNTC - DR Congo

General debate

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30 Session VII. An industrial policy for Africa: structural transformation

Chaired by Damaris Muhika, COTU - Kenya

Introductions by:
Peter Lunenborg, South Centre
Faith Lumonya, SEATINI
Kwabena Nyarko Otoo, GTUC – Ghana

General Debate

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee and Tea break

16.00 – 17.00 Session VIII. Action on EPAs – a Trade Union Statement

Chaired by Kwasi Adu-Amankwah, ITUC-Africa (Key messages)

Messages by:
Rosselyn Uba-Anarah, NLC - Nigeria (Policy space)
Kwabena Nyarko Otoo, GTUC – Ghana (Agriculture)
Salvatore Marra, CGIL-Italy (Solidarity)

In the presence of:
Embassies of African countries and EU Member states
EU Mission to Togo

Press conference after the end of the session – TBD on the date

17.00 Session IX. Concluding remarks

Kwasi Adu-Amankwah, General Secretary, ITUC-Africa
Philippe Réau, CFDT-France representing ETUC