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PEOPLE FIRST PPPs

CAN PEOPLE FIRST PPPs BECOME THE INSTRUMENT OF PARTNERSHIP TO IMPLEMENT THE SDGs?

TUE. 19 JULY @11:30AM-1:00PM | KICC

The interest generated by the role of PPPs in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is considerable. PPPs till recently were considered as a financial tool for transferring project and financial risk to private sector while the state retained the sovereign risk. It was not viewed as a “development model” but rather a value for money alternative to traditional public procurement. Successive governments in developing countries have tried to implement major projects through the PPP route, but there has been a number of problems in the implementation of such projects. The challenge therefore is to address these problems and overcome them through a set of Guiding Principles that stakeholders in Developing Countries (DCs) and Least Development Countries (LDCs) could follow in their policies and practice in order to create People First PPPs. This session will explore a systematic approach for development of People first PPPs as instrument of partnership in DCs and LDCs to be “fit for purpose” for the development of infrastructure assets and delivery of associate services that would result in “people first outcomes”.

ORGANISED BY: CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition



NON-TARIFF BARRIERS

MEASURING AND QUANTIFYING THE IMPACT OF THE REMOVAL OF NTBs IN THE EAC

WED. 20 JULY @10:30AM-1:00PM | HILTON HOTEL

The East African Community (EAC) has made substantial progress in the elimination of tariff barriers. It has also set institutional mechanisms to identify and address non-tariff barriers (NTBs) affecting the intra-regional trade. Despite the efforts, some NTBs remain. They need to be eliminated in order to deepen the integration process. Failing to address them will prevent the region and its people to benefit from trade, on incomes and prices.

This session will discuss the nature of the identified resolved and unresolved NTBs in the EAC. In addition, the event will discuss the role that NTBs resolution plays in the construction of regional infrastructure. It will also present an assessment of the likely impact of their resolution in terms of trade and poverty. Finally, the current efforts to measure and evaluate the impact of the removal of NTBs in the region will be presented.

ORGANISED BY: CUTS Africa; Overseas Development Initiative



CONTINENTAL FTA

HOW CAN THE CFTA SUPPORT MEETING THE SDGs?

WED. 20 JULY @3:00-4:30PM | KICC

In 2015, African leaders launched negotiations to create a Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA). In the same year, the global community recognized trade as a means of implementation for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). How can the CFTA support Africa in meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? What additional enablers are necessary for the CFTA to deliver its development dividend? What are the CSO must-haves from the CFTA? What role can academia play?

This session will interrogate these questions and create a platform for continued multi-stakeholder engagement so as to ensure that the CFTA delivers prosperity for all.

ORGANISED BY: African Union Commission; CUTS Africa; Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa; UNCTAD



NON-STATE ACTORS

NON-STATE ACTOR ENGAGEMENT TO MAINSTREAM DEVELOPMENT

THU. 21 JULY @10:00AM - 11:30AM | KICC

The United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) highlight a range of challenges facing the global community and policy makers in particular. The policy apparatus targeting these areas at national, regional, and international levels cannot succeed effectively or sustainably without the inclusion and input of non-state actors (NSA). This is because NSA engagement can allow for the inclusion of various stakeholder views, particularly grassroots input, in the decision-making processes. A fruitful engagement with NSA requires an inclusive and 'bottom-up' approach to identify relevant challenges to understand the vital perceptions and needs of NSA in preparation of policies and practices.

The session will focus on ways to enhance NSA participation and overcome the challenges faced by them in policy making processes. Considering the focus of UNCTAD XIV meeting on "from decision to action", the discussion will prioritise action points and mechanisms necessary for greater inclusion of and engagement with NSA in the policy process.

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