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Integrating Green Considerations into the Implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement

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The African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC) of the ECA will host a side-event during the Regional Consultative Meeting of the UNEP Major Groups and Stakeholders, Africa preceding the 20th Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN 20) to discuss a new ATPC study on integrating green considerations into the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement. The study covers the Phase I (Trade in Goods, Trade in Services and Dispute Settlement) and Phase II Protocols (Competition Policy, Digital Trade, Intellectual Property, Investment, Women and Youth), which form the substantive framework through which the Agreement's objectives are elaborated.

Given the AfCFTA's ambitious scope, policymakers and other key trade, environment and climate change stakeholders must be engaged on how mainstreaming environmental considerations into AfCFTA implementation can support Africa's socio-economic and environmental goals in line with Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063. The event will begin with a presentation of the study by the authors, followed by a panel discussion on the its contents and how to address the environmental challenges facing the African continent.

Presenters

Dr. Lucy Reimers, Trade and Environment Policy Expert, ATPC, ECA

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Panellists

Representative, AfCFTA Secretariat (tbc)

Onésime Niyukuri, Ministry of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism, Burundi (tbc)

George Dinda, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, Kenya (tbc)

Representative, UNEP Law Division (tbc)

Legal Academic, University (tbc)