



TIPS TRAINING WORKSHOP

MODULE 1

DATE

20-22 July 2020

VENUE

TIPS Offices
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Pretoria

WORKSHOP FEES

R8000 (vat included)
per participant

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TRADE POLICY AND PRACTICE

Theme: South Africa's Bilateral Relations with a Focus on AGOA

BACKGROUND

The course will provide participants with insights into how the world trading systems work and South Africa's trade relationship with key regions. The course will be presented by Dr Faizel Ismail.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

The main objectives of the course are as follows:

- To provide insights into the world of trade negotiations and the use of institutional power by the dominant players (market size; political influence) and use of narratives/language to advance mercantilist interests;
- To gain insights from South Africa's bilateral relations with the European Union, United States and China and evaluate the changing global dynamics and implications for South Africa and the African Continent as a whole; and

To focus on the African Growth and Opportunity Act, or AGOA, to provide participants with insights into the actual world of negotiations and what could be learnt from the SA-US AGOA negotiations.

Training will assist officials to:

- ☞ Analyse US trade policy and practice
- ☞ Understand the background to the SA-US AGOA trade negotiations;
- ☞ Reflect on the lessons we can learn from the SA-US AGOA negotiations;
- ☞ Consider the future of SA-US trade and investment relations; and
- ☞ Understand SA's bilateral relations with the EU and China.

ORGANISATION OF THE WORKSHOP

The course will be facilitated over THREE MODULES.

1. The first module will focus on bilateral trade issues (13 – 15 May 2020)
2. The second module will focus on regional integration in Africa (18 – 20 August 2020)
3. The third module will focus on multilateral trade negotiations (27 – 29 October 2020)

THE MODULE WILL HAVE 6 SESSIONS

SESSION 1	An overview of the theory of comparative advantage and the debate on free trade
SESSION 2	An overview of the SA-EU Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement (TDCA) and Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations and a discussion of EU- AFRICA EPAs.
SESSION 3	An overview of the SA-China and Africa-China trade relations
SESSION 4	Background to the AGOA negotiations
SESSION 5	A simulation of the AGOA negotiations
SESSION 6	Reflections on the simulations

ABOUT THE FACILITATOR

Dr Faizel Ismail is the Director of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance. He teaches international trade law at the University of Cape Town (UCT) Faculty of Law and a course on International Trade Bargaining at the UCT School of Economics. He also teaches a course on International Trade Policy and Practice at the UCT Graduate School of Business. He serves as the chairperson of the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC). He has served as the Ambassador Permanent Representative of South Africa to the World Trade Organization (WTO) (2010-2014). He led South Africa's trade negotiations with the European Union, SADC, SACU and several other bilateral trading partners including the US, India, and Mercosur after 1994.

Faizel has a PhD in Politics from Manchester University and a Masters in Philosophy in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton. He also holds an LLB and a BA degree from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He is the author of two books on the WTO and has published numerous articles in international journals and books.

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