



TRADE POLICY AND SOUTH AFRICA (MODULE 2)

Globalisation and Regional Economic Integration

Facilitated by Dr Faizel Ismail

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

The main objectives of the course are as follows:

- ⇒ to introduce participants to the theory and practice of international trade
- ⇒ to gain insight from South Africa's bilateral relations with the EU, US and China and evaluate the changing global dynamics and implications for South Africa and the African Continent as a whole
- ⇒ to focus on AGOA in order to provide participants with insights into the actual world of negotiations and what could be learnt from the SA-US AGOA negotiations
- ⇒ to gain insight into the political economy of Africa's regional trade integration including SACU, SADC, the TFTA and CFTA negotiations
- ⇒ to simulate the SACU trade negotiations with the aim to draw on lessons on the challenges and opportunities of regional integration
- ⇒ to simulate a WTO negotiation and gain insight into the workings of the multilateral trading system

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COURSE

The course will be facilitated over 3 MODULES.

1. The first module will focus on Bilateral Trade issues (February 2017) - *completed*
2. The second module will focus on Regional Integration in Africa (28, 29 & 30 June 2017)
3. The third module will focus on Multilateral Trade negotiations (Sept-Oct 2017)

OUTCOMES

THE OUTCOMES THAT THE COURSE ASPIRES IS TO:

Provide students with new and deep insights into an actual trade negotiation that will facilitate a discussion on:

- ☞ the role of power relations between players in trade negotiations and how this power is used in the process of the negotiations;
- ☞ an overview of the changing global trade architecture and South Africa's relations with key bilateral trading partners;
- ☞ how ideas/language/narratives/research are used to advance particular interests and negotiating objectives of the dominant players
- ☞ alternative approaches to trade negotiations and outcomes that are more equitable and development oriented

Workshop fees:
R8,000 (VAT incl) per
participant

Date:
28, 29 & 30 June 2017

MODULE TWO WILL HAVE 10 SESSIONS:

SESSION ONE

Theory of Regional Integration: From David Ricardo to David Viner

SESSION TWO	A Critique of the Linear Integration Approach: Way forward - A Development Integration Approach to Regional Integration.
SESSION THREE	SACU – reform and modernization: opportunities and challenges
SESSION FOUR	SADC – From SADCC to SADC FTA and Regional Industrialization
SESSION FIVE	The TFTA – SADC/EAC/COMESA negotiations
SESSION SIX	The CFTA – the way forward?
SESSION SEVEN	The Changing Architecture of Global Trade: Africa in the Global Economy – Africa EU; AFRICA USA; Africa China
SESSION EIGHT	Preparations for the SACU Simulation
SESSION NINE	Simulation of SACU – SA, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia.
SESSION TEN	Reflections on the SACU – Lessons for regional integration in Africa?

FACILITATOR

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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 World Trade Organization and has published numerous articles in international journals and books.