

TIPS TRAINING WORKSHOP

3 days

TRADE POLICY AND SOUTH AFRICA - (Module 1) Theme: SA's Bilateral Relations with a focus on AGOA

15 - 17 May 2019

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 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 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

TRAINING WILL ASSIST OFFICIALS TO

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

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COURSE

The course will be facilitated over 3 MODULES.

1. The first module will focus on Bilateral Trade issues (15-17 May 2019)
2. The second module will focus on Regional Integration in Africa (21 -23 August 2019)
3. The third module will focus on Multilateral Trade negotiations (16- 18 Oct 2019)

MODULE ONE 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 TDCA and 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

Faizel Ismail is Adjunct Professor at the UCT School of Economics. He is also an advisor to the dti on international trade and special envoy on the African Growth and Opportunity Act. He has served as the Ambassador Permanent Representative of South Africa to the 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 since 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 World Trade Organization and has published numerous articles in international journals and books.

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

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