

Reflections of policy research and capacity building networks in Southern Africa

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# World-Class Training Centre in Trade Policy and Development

#### Some Quotes...

"No nation was ever ruined by trade."

#### <u>Benjamin Franklin</u>

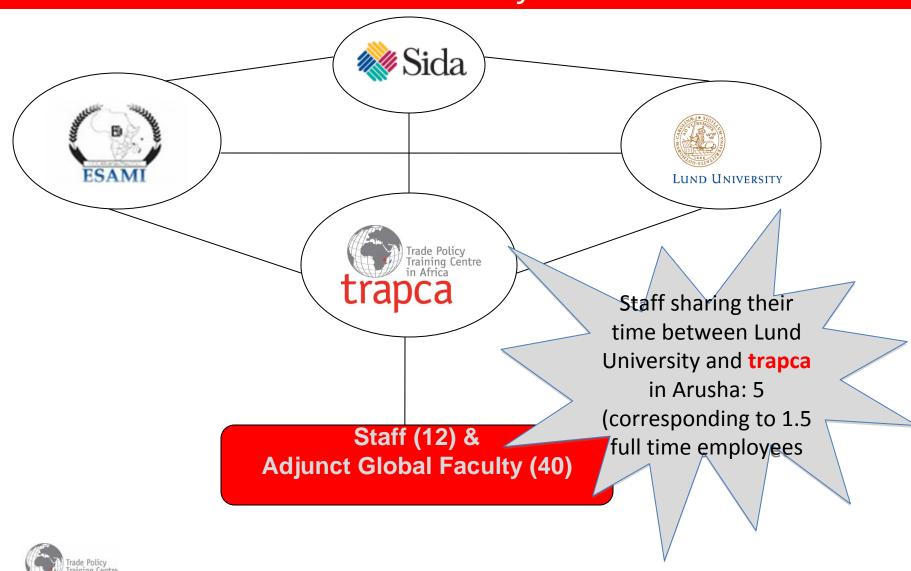
"This is the moment when we must build on the wealth that open markets have created, and share its benefits more equitably. Trade has been a cornerstone of our growth and global development. But we will not be able to sustain this growth if it favors the few, and not the many."

**Barack Obama** 



#### **Objective and main target groups:**

To increase trade policy capacity and competence in LDCs and low income sub-Saharan African countries



## trapca Package

trapca offerings are in International trade policy & trade related aspects in form of:

#### Conferencing

(Organising conferences and meetings for policy dialogue with important stakeholders, such as politicians, researches, businessmen, governmental and non-governmental organisation in the field of trade policy)

Certificates courses

Trade Policy Research Forums

Post Graduate Diplomas Master of Science Programme



# trapca Training Model

Knowledge and understanding

Competencies

Leadership capacity

Visualization, priority setting,

motivation, and

coordination of efforts

National aims pursued through individuals trained by Trapca

Ultimate objective

Dispute settlement procedures

Dispute settlement

Achieving maximum access to foreign markets

Key parts of WTO agreements

Contents of regional and

agreements

Procedures of

Links between

industrial policies

and development

WTO, bilateral and

EPA negotiations

bilateral

Export promotion

Negotiation skills

under existing agreements

Global trade

Gaining market access improvements through negotiations

framework Trade related

regulatory

Understanding of other negotiating parties' objectives

Maintaining (or even gaining) ability to pursue policies in line with development and poverty objectives

Links between policies import policies and development and poverty

Evaluation of development and poverty effects of negotiation positions and outcomes

Evaluation of effects of import.

Choosing import, industrial. investment and trade facilitation policies fulfilling development and poverty objectives given existing agreements

Course 1 Course 2 Course 3

and poverty development and poverty Links between FDI industrial, investment and policies and development and trade facilitation policies poverty

Making full use of international trade in the pursuit of economic development and poverty reduction

Course menu...

Masters programme

Post Graduate Diplomas

Specialised Courses

Short
Executive
Courses

Certificate Courses



#### 1. Current courses diet include: -

- Certificate in International Trade and Development (CITD)
  - » Theory of International trade
  - » Development Aspects of international trade
  - » Trade Data Retrieval and Analysis
  - » Leadership Development for Trade
  - » International Negotiations and Cooperation
  - » Analytical Papers



#### 2. Specialized Short Intermediate Courses

- TRP 301: International Trade Policy and Development
- TRP 302: International Trade Law and Development
- TRP 303: International Trade Negotiations and Cooperation
- TRP 304: Quantitative Trade Policy Analysis
- TRP 305: Trade Remedies & Dispute Settlement
- TRP 306: Trade, Environment, Human Rights and Labour

- TRP 307: Trade, Intellectual Property and Competition Policy
- TRP 308: Investment and Trade Facilitation
- TRP 309: Trade in Agriculture
- TRP 310: Trade in Services
- TRP 311: Trade Policy, Gender and Poverty Alleviation
- TRP 312: Strategic Management for Trade
- TRP 313: South-South regional Integration



#### Post graduate Diploma in International Trade Law and Policy

- Intermediary (6 courses with a research paper)
- Advanced (5 courses with a research paper)
- (provides capacity building outlets)

- 3. Masters of Science in Trade Policy and Trade Law
  - 10 modules plus a masters thesis



#### **Executive Level 200 series**

- For senior executives
- More practical
- Collaborative workshop training

#### **Tailor made Course**

- Customised training for EALA
- Customised training for Francophone
- trapca responds to the needs of the market

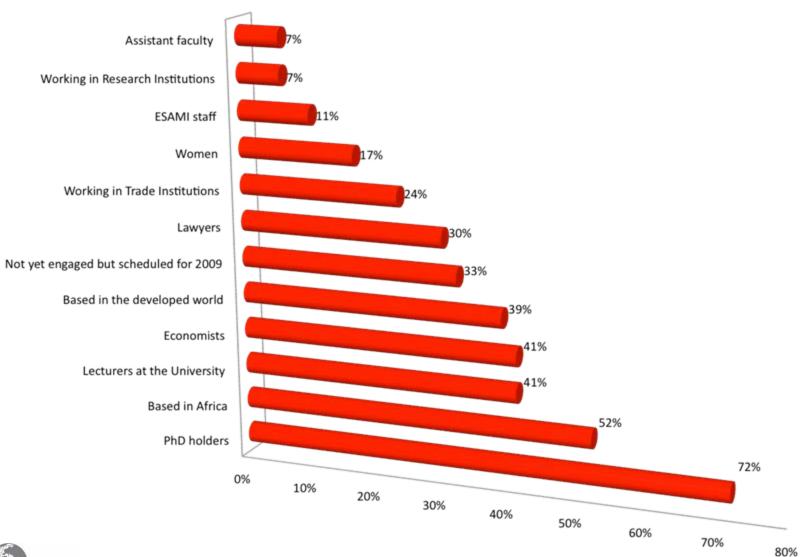


# **Course Delivery Methods**

- Courses are delivered in a combination of:
  - 1. Pre-session work
  - 2. Lectures and on-site assignments
  - 3. Written exam and/or large assignment
  - 4. Post-session assignment
  - 5. Thesis writing, presentation, opposition and defence
  - 6. Seminars for examination papers, diploma and masters theses



# **Adjunct faculty**





#### Assessment

- Assessment is based on: -
  - Full Attendance
  - Contributions to class discussions and presentations
  - Weekly Assignments
  - Examinations
  - PPT Presentation of papers
  - Written paper



#### Certification

#### trapca uses the ECTS:-

#### **Grading**

All courses and programs at trapca, with the exception for the courses in the 200 series, are graded according to the European Credit Transfer (ECTS) system. This system is used at the Academic Partner Lund University.

The ECTS-grading scale:

(< 50%: F, 50-54%: E, 55-64%: D, 65-74%: C, 75-84%: B, 85-100%: A)



## **Quality assurance**

Detailed selection criteria developed for all course selections

 Software subscribed to check for evidence of plagiarism in participants work and necessary action taken



### Number of participants/students

Courses:

No of planned courses 2010: 31

No of students in each course: 25

Total estimated number of students: **775** taking in total around 5800 ECTS-units

- Other trapca activities
  - Estimated number of participants in other trapca activities (Trade policy research forum, annual conference, Tripartite policy forum, Private Public sector forum: 150 200
- Estimated total number of participants in trapca activities 2010:
   700 800

**Snapshot of achievements** 

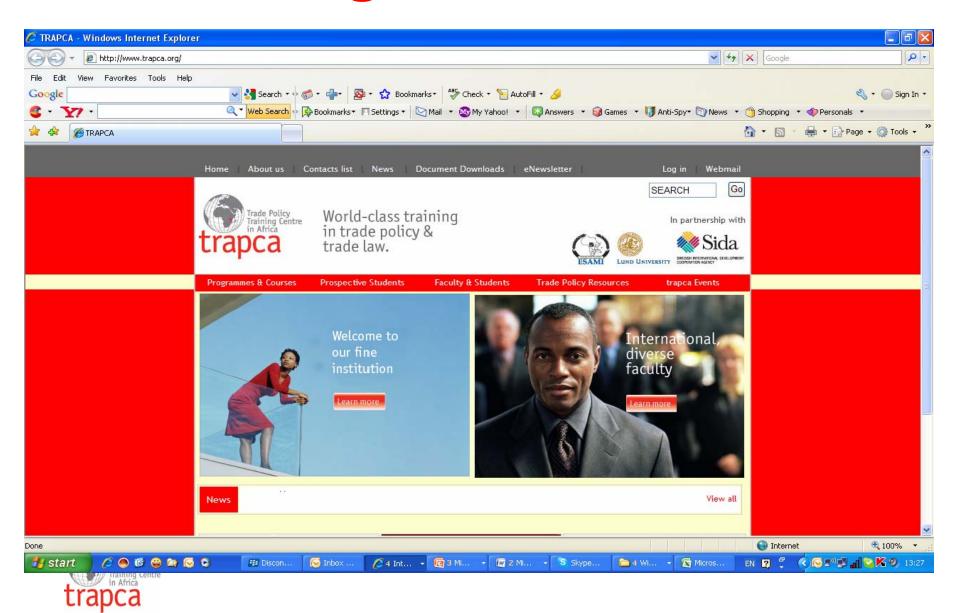


#### **Future Direction...**

- Current Sida funding ends in 2010
- Consolidate three Pillars
  - Training
  - Research, and
  - Consultancy and Advisory services (..?)
- Fee paying (Trust Funds)
- More collaborations
- E-Learning



# E-Learning <a href="https://www.trapca.org/elearning">www.trapca.org/elearning</a>



# Thank for your attention







