



TIPS TRAINING WORKSHOP

MODULE 3

TRADE POLICY AND PRACTICE

Theme: Africa's Bilateral Relations with the EU/UK; USA and China

DATE

23 – 25 October 2024

VENUE

TIPS Offices
234 Lange Street
Nieuw Muckleneuk
Pretoria

WORKSHOP FEES

R12,000 (vat included)
per participant

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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 Prof 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 SA-US African Growth and Opportunity Act, or AGOA, negotiations 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 Africa-EU Trade Relations and the implications of BREXIT for Africa
- ☞ Reflect on the lessons we can learn from the SA-US AGOA negotiations and the future of AGOA;
- ☞ Evaluate Africa's bilateral relations with China and the Belt and Road Initiative

ORGANISATION OF THE WORKSHOP

The course will be facilitated over THREE MODULES.

1. The first module will focus on multilateral trade issues (19 – 21 June 2024)
2. The second module will focus on regional integration in Africa (14 – 16 August 2024)
3. The third module will focus on bilateral trade negotiations (23 -25 October 2024)

THE MODULE WILL HAVE 5 SESSIONS

SESSION 1	The crisis of globalization – a critical evaluation of the theory of free trade
SESSION 2	An overview of the SA-EU Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement (TDCA); Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations; a discussion of EU- AFRICA EPAs and implications of BREXIT for Africa
SESSION 3	An overview of Africa-China trade relations and Implications of the Belt and Road Initiative for Africa
SESSION 4	An overview of the SA-US AGOA negotiations and the future of AGOA
SESSION 5	Reflections on Africa's trade and economic relations with the World

ABOUT THE FACILITATOR

Professor Faizel Ismail is the Director of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance where he teaches a course on Global Governance. He also 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 and 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 three books on the WTO and has published numerous articles in international journals and books.