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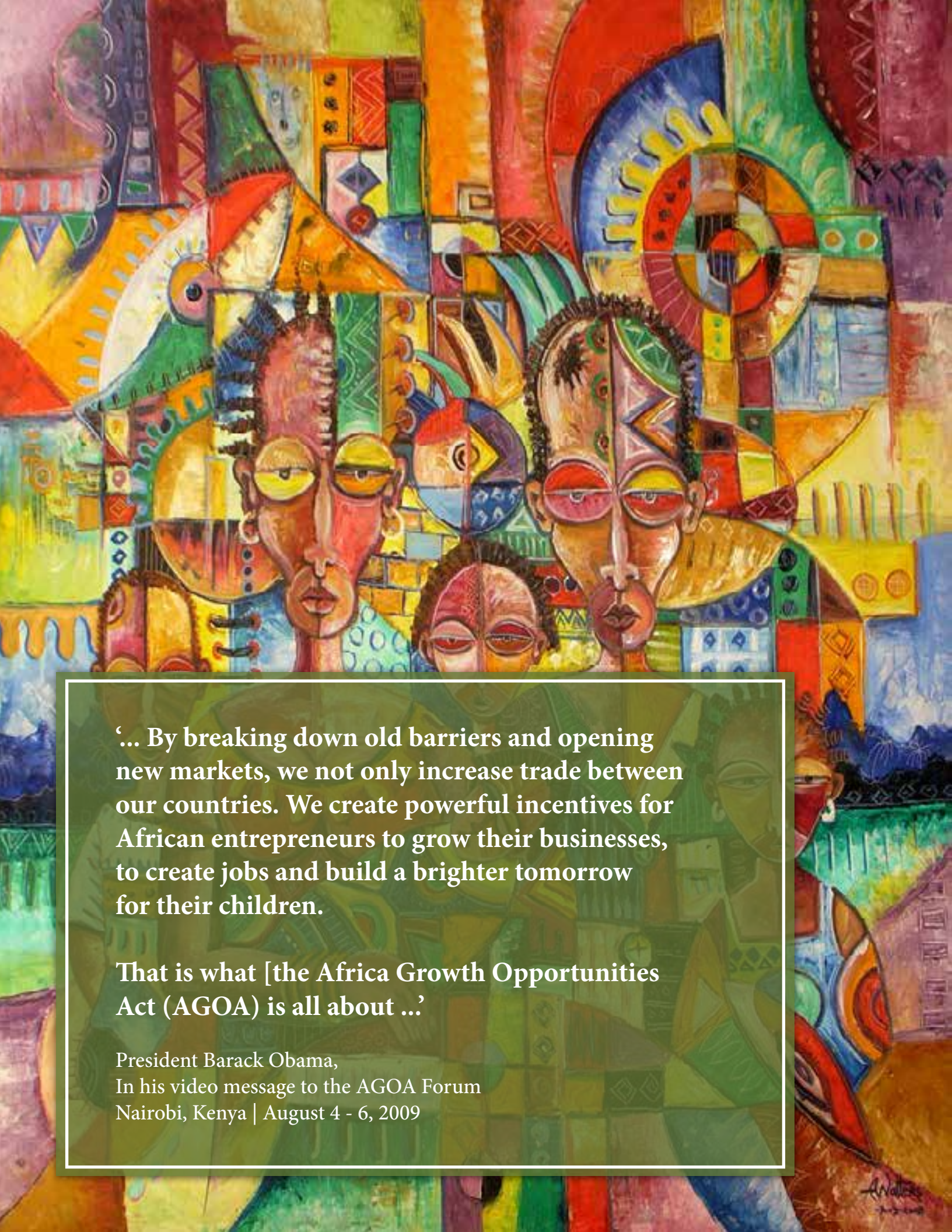
AGOA Forum on U.S. - sub-Saharan African Trade and Economic Investment

“Enhancing Africa’s Infrastructure for Trade”

June 12-15, 2012

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‘... By breaking down old barriers and opening new markets, we not only increase trade between our countries. We create powerful incentives for African entrepreneurs to grow their businesses, to create jobs and build a brighter tomorrow for their children.

That is what [the Africa Growth Opportunities Act (AGOA) is all about ...’

President Barack Obama,
In his video message to the AGOA Forum
Nairobi, Kenya | August 4 - 6, 2009



executive summary

Africa's collective gross domestic product was \$ 1.7 trillion dollars in 2010, and is expected to hit \$ 4 trillion dollars in 2020. Consumer spending is also forecasted to rise from \$880 billion (in 2010) to \$2.6 trillion in 2020.

Simply, there is opportunity in Africa. There is also immense potential for increasing exports from Africa to the U.S.

Strategically, this starts with ensuring fruitful deliberations at the 2012 AGOA Forum with the primary objective of advocating for an enhanced AGOA that includes civil society as key strategic stakeholders.

We are also advocating for the successful and timely extension of the Third Country Fabric (TCF) Provision by the current Congress. At the Mulungushi, Zambia 2011 AGOA Summit, focus was placed on civil society's role in trade promotion, empowering women through capacity building, creating economies of scale for small, rural producers, effective corporate responsibility, investment and also regional integration. Building on these recommendations, we're currently developing an enhanced AGOA proposal to present to the Administration and Congress next January.

There are good reasons for this advocacy: An enhanced AGOA would mean more economic benefits for eligible members; and that advocacy for such legislation is timely. The positive effect will be magnified by policy reform, public - private partnerships and capacity building in Africa.

We urge the US to support infrastructure development, especially, the production, transmission and distribution of power to spur economic growth in Africa and support industrialization; and the building of feeder roads to transport products from farm to market, ports and airports to reduce transportation cost between Sub-Sahara Africa and markets in the United States. These objectives can be achieved through private sector investment, grants from the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and other methods of US Government bilateral assistance.

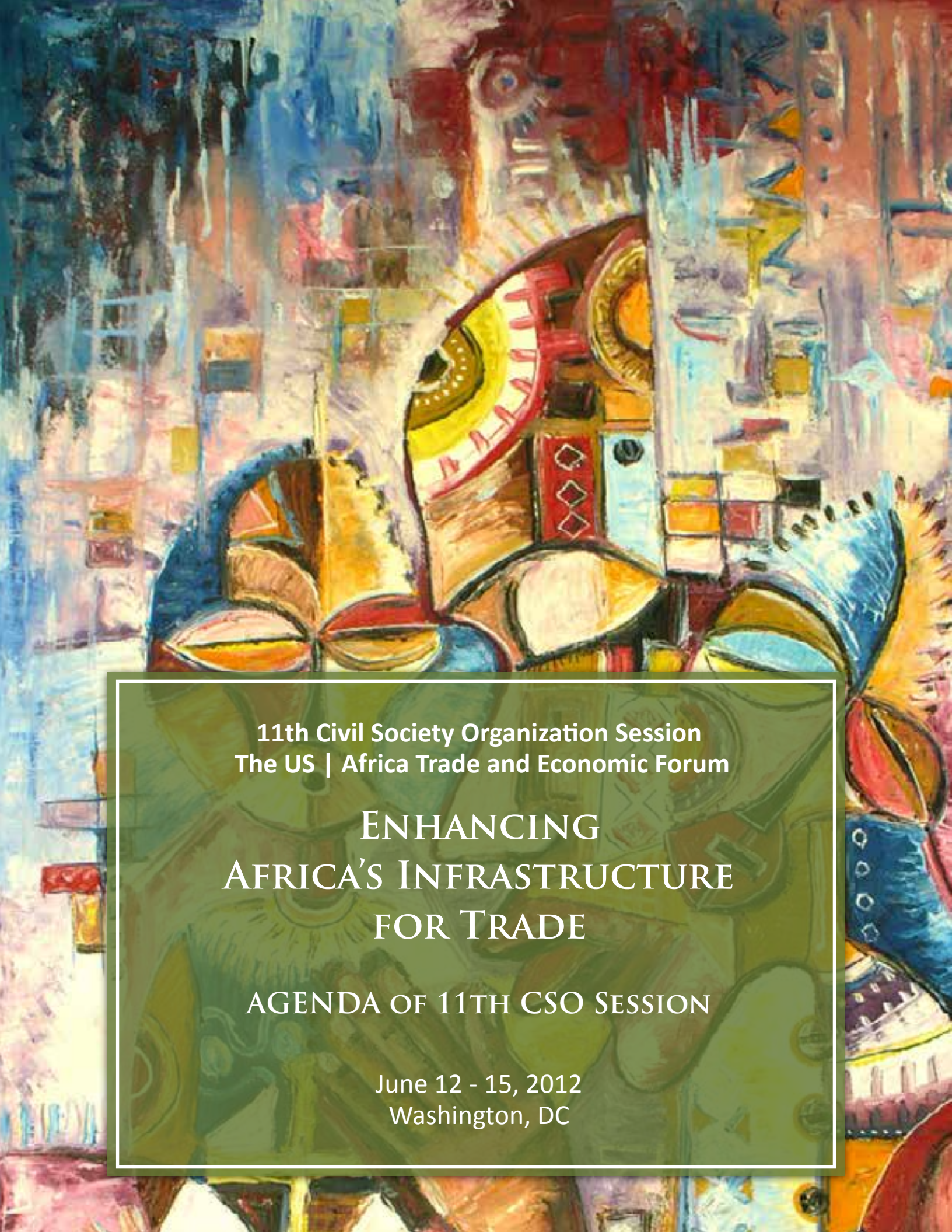
Lastly, AGOA eligible countries stand to benefit even more by engaging the Diaspora community. As active participants, the Diaspora can play the role of cultural brokers and serve a vital role as trade facilitators. This is something civil society believes will accomplish results for both the U.S. and for Africa.

Fred Oladeinde

Chairperson

AGOA Civil Society Network

Chair Working Group



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AGENDA OF 11TH CSO SESSION

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EVENT AGENDA

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Hotel Check-In**

Washington Plaza Hotel

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Welcome and Registration**

Hotel Lobby

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

Washington Plaza Hotel

8:30 am – 9:45 am **OPENING CEREMONY**

Welcome and Introduction: **Fred Oladeinde**, *Chair, AGOA CSO Working Group, and President, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA)*

Speakers:

H. E. Sheila Siwela, *Ambassador of the Republic of Zambia to the US, and outgoing Chair of the AGOA Ministerial Planning Committee*

Florie Liser, *Assistant U. S. Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative*

H.E. Amina S. Ali, *Permanent Rep. of the African Union to the U.S.*

Michael Curtis, *Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa, USAID*

Tomicaah Tillemann, *Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Civil Society and Emerging Democracies, U.S. Dept of State*

Q&A

10:00 am -11:15 am **PANEL I: AGOA --Challenges and Opportunities**

This panel will address current challenges to AGOA , suggest solutions and identify opportunities for expansion across sectors under AGOA.

Moderator: **Florie Liser**, *Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative*

Panelists:

Patricia Sheikh, *Deputy Administrator, Office of Capacity Building and Development, USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service*

Vanessa Adams, *Director Enterprise Development, West Africa Trade Hub, CARANA Corporation*

Xavier Carim, *Deputy Director General: International Trade and Economic Development, Department of Trade and Industry of South Africa*

Toby Whitney, *Chief of Staff, Office of Congressman McDermott (D -WA)*

Q&A

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TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

11:30 am – 12:45 pm

PANEL II: CSO's Role in Effecting Legislative Reforms that Enhance US Africa Trade Beyond the Expiration of AGOA in 2015

Washington Plaza Hotel

This panel will present CSO's vision for extending and enhancing AGOA beyond 2015

Moderator: **Gregory Simpkins**, Professional Staff Member, House Sub-committee on Africa Global Health and Human Rights

Panelists:

Dennis Matanda, *The Africa Maven Group*

Justus Mwololo, *Kenya Civil Society Alliance*

Witney Schneidman, *Special Advisor, Africa Growth Initiative at Brookings*

Steve Lande, *President, Manchester Trade*

Q&A

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

LUNCHEON

Mistress of Ceremony: **Shirley Rivens Smith**, *President, US-Africa Sister Cities Foundation, Inc.*

Special Presentation: **Muriel Bowser**, *Councilmember, Council of the District of Columbia*

Luncheon Speaker:

Hon. Olusegun O. Aganga, *Minister, Trade and Investment, The Federal Republic of Nigeria*

Patrick Fine, *VP- Compact Operations, MCC*

2:15 pm-3:30 pm

PANEL III: The Role of CSOs in Africa's Regional Integration and Bilateral Trade Facilitation Efforts

Regional integration and bilateral trade facilitation are critical to the free flow of people, goods, and services across Africa. Civil Society Organizations on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean have a critical role to play in this ongoing transformation. This panel will provide current activities on regional integration and bilateral trade facilitation and CSO's important role in these efforts.

Moderator: **Pearl Alice Marsh**, *U.S. Policy Director, ONE*

Panelists:

Alan J. K. Kyerematen, *Coordinator African Trade Policy Centre Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division (RITD)*

Mwangi S. Kimenyi, *Senior Fellow, and Director Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution*

Savior Mwambwa, *Executive Director, Centre for Trade Policy and Development*

Q&A

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

PANEL IV: Strengthening Africa SME's Capacity to Diversify Imports under AGOA

This panel will look at on- going infrastructure enhancement projects in Africa in the area of road construction, power generation, transmission and distribution, deep water ports, and airports that are critical to improving SME's competitiveness in regional and global markets. And a member of the panel will present an innovative approach to supporting the creation of sustainable demand for African SMEs' products in the United States and other markets in the Western Hemisphere.

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Moderator: **Steve Lande**, *President, Manchester Trade*

Opening Remarks: **Alejandra Castillo**, *Deputy National Director, MBDA*

Panelists:

Gregory R. Gajewski, *Vice President, Economic Development, The Louis Berger Group, Inc.*

Anthony Okonmah, *Executive Director, AfrICA Trade Development Center*

Katrin Kuhlmann, *President, TransFarm Africa*

Q&A

5:15 pm – 7:00 pm

RECEPTION

Mistress of Ceremony: **Julian Kiganda**, *President, African Diaspora for Change*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Registration and Continental Breakfast

*Woodrow Wilson
Center*

8:45 am – 9:15 am

Greetings: **Fred Oladeinde**, *Chair, AGOA Civil Society Working Group, and, President (FDA)*

Welcome Remarks: **Michael Van Dusen**, *Executive Vice President, and COO, Woodrow Wilson Center*

Remarks: **David Beckmann**, *President, Bread for the World*

Report: Rapporteurs update from Day One of CSO Session

9:30 am – 10:45 am

PANEL V: Technical Assistance & Capacity Building to Support Expansion in Africa's Agricultural Sector

More than 75% of Africa's population depends on agriculture for livelihood, because of climate change, inadequate infrastructure flow of products from farm to markets are constrained limiting access to markets. This panel will address current efforts under AU CAADP; US Feed the future and other interventions in place to expand Africa's agriculture yield, and competitiveness.

Moderator: **Daniel Karanja**, *Senior Fellow and Chief of Staff, Partnership to Cut Hunger*

Panelists:

Baba Dioum, *Head of CAADP Pillar II, NEPAD*

Jacob Maaga, *Chief Executive Officer, Africa Commodities & Futures Exchange (ACFEX)*

Rahama Wright, *Chief Executive Officer, SheaYeleen International, Inc.*

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11:00 am - 11:15 am Keynote Address: **Johnnie Carson**, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Dept. of State

11:15 am - 12:30 pm **PANEL VI: Engaging the Diaspora as Culture Brokers for US-Africa Trade and Investment Expansion**

The African Diaspora contributes significantly to development in Africa; this panel will look at how the Diaspora can be empowered on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean to expand US-Africa trade and economic ties.

Moderator: **Gershwin Blyden**, Chairman, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa

Panelists:

Ntal Alimasi, President, National Association of African Catholics in the U.S.

Thomas Debass, Director for Global Partnerships, U. S. Department of State

Mel Foote, Chief Executive Officer, CFA

DVC

Q&A

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm **LUNCHEON**

Master of Ceremony: **Steve McDonald**, Consulting Director, Africa Program and Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, Woodrow Wilson Center

Luncheon Speaker: **Elizabeth A. Vazquez**, President and CEO, WEConnect International, Washington, DC, USA

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **PANEL VII: Trade and Gender: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs**

Women play an important role in trade and economic development across, controlling a large percentage of the economy. This panel will discuss specific interventions to empower Women entrepreneurs in Africa and address how to reduce the gender gap that presently exists.

Moderator: **Robin Sanders**, Founder, FEEEDS Advocacy Initiative at Robert Morris University

Panelists:

Nigest Haile, Founder and Executive Director, The Center for African Women Economic Empowerment (CAWEE)

Winnie Madonsela-Kamalandua, Lecturer, University of Swaziland

Eniola Mafe, Program Manager, Vital Voices Partnership

Comfort Aku Adjahoe, Managing Director, Ele Agbe

Q&A

3:45 pm – 5:15pm **PANEL VIII: Public Private Partnerships: A Platform for Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs**

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EVENT AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012

3:45 pm – 5:15pm

PANEL VIII: Public Private Partnerships: A Platform for Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs

Moderator: **Benjamin Afrifa**, *President, Africa Federation Inc.*

Panelists:

Rahel Getachew, *President, Afrolehar*

Manasseh Mathiang, *CEO, Marketing Solutions Co. Ltd.*

Eileen Almeida Barbosa, *Adviser to the Prime Minister of Cape Verde*

Apolo Ndyabahika, *CEO, The Africa Maven Group*

Q&A

5:30 pm-6:00 pm

Reading of Recommendations/Communiqué – Press Briefing

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012

TBD

Dept. of State

Presentation of CSO Recommendations/Communiqué to the Opening Session of the Ministerial

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012

10:00 am -2:00 pm

Washington Plaza Hotel

2012 AGOA CSO Network Congress

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012

Washington Plaza Hotel

CSO Departures



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agoa civil society network

The **Civil Society Working Group** is a product of the AGOA Civil Society Network - a consortium of NGOs, small to medium sized businesses, chambers of commerce and those interested in benefitting both the US and Africa through successful application of the AGOA legislation

The **AGOA Civil Society Network** seeks to improve the ease with which trade between the US and Africa is done, and also looks for avenues through which AGOA can help further integrate Africa into the global economy.

mission

To empower Africans through their civil society organizations to work with governments and businesses to take maximum advantage of AGOA benefits on behalf of the citizens of their countries.

objectives

- * Increase trade and investment between the U.S. and Africa as a tool for economic development
- * Establishment of good governance, transparency, sustainable democracy and human rights in Africa.

agoa benefits

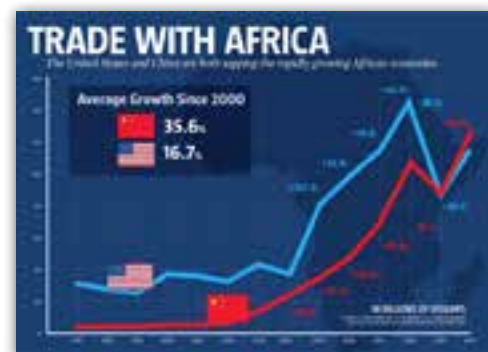
As part of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, AGOA provides Sub-Saharan Africa beneficiary countries with the most liberal access to the U.S. market without a Free Trade Agreement.

AGOA and its companion programs reinforce African reform efforts, provides improved access to U.S. technical expertise, and establishes a high-level dialogue on trade and investment in the form of a U.S. | Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Forum.

agoa beneficiaries

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Burkina Faso	(Republic of) Mauritius
(Republic of) Burundi	(Republic of) Mozambique
(Republic of) Cameroon	(Republic of) Namibia
(Republic of) Cape Verde	(Republic of) Niger
(Republic of) Chad	(Federal republic of) Nigeria
(Union of) Comoros	(Republic of) Rwanda
(Republic of) Congo	Sao Tome and Principe
(Republic of) Djibouti	(Republic of) Senegal
Ethiopia	(Republic of) Seychelles
Gabonese (Republic)	(Republic of) Sierra Leone
The Gambia	(Republic of) South Africa
(Republic of) Ghana	(Kingdom of) Swaziland
(Republic of) Guinea	(United Republic of) Tanzania
(Republic of)	(Republic of) Togo
Guinea-Bissau	(Republic of) Uganda
(Republic of) Kenya	(Republic of) Zambia
(Kingdom of) Lesotho	

image 1: Snapshot



From Sen. Christopher Coons, [D - DE]
Chairman, African Affairs Subcommittee, Foreign Relations Committee | US Senate



current agoa status

* The AGOA Civil Society Network plays a principle role of ensuring that other U.S. based key stakeholders are optimizing AGOA benefits on both sides of the Atlantic by advocating for improvements to AGOA legislation.

* In Africa, civil society members work with their respective country parliaments on legislative and policy reform necessary to remove supply side constraints, and empower their respective private sectors to use AGOA to increase exports to the U.S. All these efforts create jobs and support economic and social development in the respective countries.

* At its inception in 2000, AGOA was the most portentous piece of U.S. legislation meant to assist the economies of Sub-Saharan Africa and to improve economic relations between the U.S. and the region. AGOA elapses three years from now in 2015.

* The Third Country Fabric Provision of AGOA will officially end on September 30, 2012 - less than 6 months from the present date. This benefit needs to be extended as soon as possible - at least before the June 2012 AGOA Summit - to remove the uncertainty that has resulted in a recent 25% decline of African apparel imports.

* Because of other supply side constraints, beneficiaries have only managed to exploit a handful of the approximately 6,800 articles that are admissible under the Generalized System of Preferences and AGOA.

* Today, exports from Africa continue to heavily comprise raw materials and semi-finished products. AGOA has not been very successful in transforming economies in Sub-Saharan Africa and most AGOA related trade is in oil, gas plus minerals.

* Primary and value added agricultural products and labor intensive manufacturing need to be encouraged further beyond apparel and textiles.

* AGOA is not effectively addressing the unfair competition U.S. firms face from Chinese and other international companies while doing business in Africa. These entities receive state funding and support which subsidizes their African operations and this, on its own, compromises the ability of US firms to foster democratic principles and free market values in the process.

* Nonetheless, AGOA has incrementally increased Africa's trade volumes, contributed to job creation and capacity enhancement.

Thus, the AGOA Civil Society Network must work with other groups to ensure that companies doing business in Africa support democratic reforms and respect free market principles.

* Although there's recognition that the African Diaspora significantly contributes to the economic development of their home countries through money remittances, no significant efforts currently exist to engage these groups in optimizing the benefits of AGOA and increasing trade and economic ties between Africa and the U.S.

The African Diaspora Community is now considered an untapped asset for government and private sector on both sides of the Atlantic in the effort to expand U.S. and Africa trade and economic ties.

* As stated in the 2011 Lusaka Summit's Communique, AGOA beneficiary countries need to launch coordinated multimedia campaigns to promote African products and services in the U.S.

These campaigns will be central to creating sustainable demand for non traditional African imports in the U.S. markets.

Some excerpts paraphrased and taken from:
'Toward a Transformative Africa Growth and Opportunity Act.'
Mwangi S. Kimenyi: Africa Growth Initiative
Brookings Institution



goal

Our ultimate goal is to achieve an enhanced AGOA.

This enhancement should include the needs of both African and U.S. based civil society, and commence with a presentation of recommendations to the Administration and to the 113th Congress convening January 2013.

[smart] objectives

1. To advocate for the continued inclusion of civil society in all AGOA ministerial forums. In this context, civil society is defined to include voluntary groups working to improve the lives of average Africans on the continent and the U.S. based Diaspora [including numerous African Americans based on their relationships with the continent] through the economic activities of AGOA.

2. To empower young African and also women business professionals and entrepreneurs through cross African and American partnerships, and mentorship programs.

3. To promote inter and intra African trade, and also between American and African businesses, with an emphasis on responsible business practices in Africa.

4. To call upon AGOA eligible governments to adopt measures that address supply side constraints and the diversification of exports with an emphasis on products and services produced by small and medium sized enterprises.

5. To engage the voluntary organizations that make up civil society, African Americans with traditional links to the region and members of the African Diaspora. In this process, all will enhance their overall contribution to Africa and fully leverage US infrastructure to grow their African investment portfolios and activities.

[diaspora] highlights

Of particular importance is the African Diaspora encompassing both long-term residents of the US and more recent immigrants who all possess unique relations with the region.

1. The African Diaspora is a major constituency in the U.S. and can be mobilized to improve U.S. –Africa relations.

2. The Diaspora directly invests in African economies and augments African government social investment.

3. The Diaspora already has an extensive investment in infrastructure; and these linkages can be leveraged.

4. Annual investment ranges between **\$ 25 to \$ 40 bn;** and African countries now increasingly actively engage with their Diaspora as players in their respective economic fortunes and development.

Although more is required towards an end goal of African regional integration, there is increased awareness that the Diaspora is more of a Pan African group instead of separate representatives of individual countries.

a mutually beneficial proposition?

There's no doubt that AGOA legislation, inspite of its notable successes can be greatly improved upon. An enhanced AGOA should build on past AGOA successes by strengthening the trade provisions but going beyond them to include specific provisions to promote investment, support regional integration, provide technical assistance and build capacity including that of civil society to participate in and benefit from AGOA Enhancement.

Thus, the Working Group views **P . R . I . I . C . E** as one among many mutually beneficial propositions and recommendations for consideration in an enhanced AGOA.



proposition? [continued]

The Working Group will solicit civil society opinions and views, and also work on modifications that reflect the dynamic of civil society as opposed to business priorities; although in most cases, they are, apparently, similar.

1. **Partnership** initiatives - strategic and mutually beneficial ones - are needed to be effective in this interdependent global economic environment. Partnerships should be established between Civil Society on the one hand and African Entrepreneurs on the other.

2. **Regional Integration** facilitates value added supply chains and competitive distribution networks that will allow U.S. companies to operate efficiently in Africa, and Africans to reap the benefits of the 21st century economy.

3. **Investment** from the U.S. tends to promote healthy private sector development since it transfers technology, brings skills, expertise and managerial talent, and develops infrastructure. American firms should be enticed and encouraged to invest in the region.

Such investment would promote U.S. and African business partnership, with emphasis on capital accumulation in Africa necessary to build thriving economies both from US and African sources. These efforts should encompass civil society either as direct participants or as sub contractors. Sometimes, members of civil society will be in the lead, other times they will participate in large ventures being organized by multinationals and equity funds.

4. US investment in Africa contributes to the enhanced **Competitiveness** of African economies through the aforementioned characteristics.

5. Consistent with President Obama's emphasis in his January State of the Union address, that a prerequisite for any US foreign trade initiative is creation of jobs, in both the US and in Africa.

Recommendations

1. Prompt Congressional extension of the Third Country Fabric (TCF) Provision.

2. The U.S. Government provide Congress with annual reports regarding the growth in non-oil African imports, including specific activities stimulated by AGOA and new opportunities for US, African entrepreneurs, and cooperatives with special reference to civil society.

3. USAID strengthen its support in the area of capacity building in enhancing US and African civil society, including voluntary organizations, African Americans, and the African Diaspora's capabilities to expand US-Africa trade under AGOA.

4. The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) initiate one or more equity funds focusing on the participation of small business in African trade and development, including existing and newly created infrastructure funds focusing on electrification, especially renewable energy, transport corridors, air and seaports should also have a small business component.

5. Current proposals to strengthen the activities of the Export - Import (EXIM) Bank in Africa should include a special focus on the participation of small business, including the Diaspora, particularly, in African projects.

6. US agencies whose mission it is to ensure minority and SME participation in government contracting, such as, the Commerce Department's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), the Small Business Administration, and the Office of the Small Business Assistant US Trade Representative should have an implementation role in AGOA; these agencies should be provided with the resources to support civil society's (which includes SMEs, and MBEs) participation in US - Africa economic relations through such activities as publishing literature on how to take advantage of the enhanced AGOA.



[continued] Recommendations

7. A renewed AGOA should provide for diplomatic support and development assistance to facilitate the completion of a Continental, Free Trade Agreement encompassing all of Sub-Saharan Africa by 2017; the Tripartite FTA in Eastern and Southern Africa by 2014 and an ECOWAS Customs Union in West Africa with linkages to Central Africa as soon as possible.

8. Civil Society urges the US and other G-20 members to place on its agenda measures to support African Union member states efforts to progress towards the African Economic Community (AEC). These could include support to the modification of WTO rules treating non LDC members of sub-Saharan regional groupings differently than LDC members, and requesting the EU to delay implementation of its end of 2013 ultimatum to deny preferential benefits to sub-Saharan countries not beginning to implement EPAs until the G-20 develops a common approach.

We also urge leaders to ensure that non LDCs are treated as favorably as LDCs within the WTO so as not to impede economic integration efforts

9. AGOA be reformed into a more inclusive, more accessible and more permanent framework - a framework under which expertise may be afforded through a network of facilitative & topical agreements such as Trade, Investment and Development Cooperative Agreements [TIDCA's]; bilateral investment treaties, investment and development friendly double taxation agreements.

These agreements ought to address customs and trade facilitation, SPS and technical barriers, protection of investment, avoidance of excessive taxation, SME participation, supply chains while other arrangements with third countries such as Free Trade Agreements await integration.

10. A formal recognition that civil society and the Diaspora are best placed as cultural brokers for AGOA related trade aspects considering that they are uniquely equipped with knowledge of the two or more cultures and can lead to mutually beneficial negotiated outcomes.

11. That AGOA sanctions be strengthened against non democratic regimes while reducing collateral damage to civil society. This would require replacing legislative requirements for unilateral removal of beneficiary states or the application of sanctions against coup leaders and their accomplices as characterized by recent U.S. policy in the Middle East and North and West Africa.

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Civil Society Communique

10th AGOA Forum: June 9-10, 2011

Since the passage of AGOA 2000, civil society organizations have strived to work closely with government and the private sector as partners to achieve the modest growth in trade volume, and closer trade ties between the United States and the eligible sub-Saharan African [SSA] nations.

We have seen trade volume increase from \$23.4 billion in 2001 to \$64.3 billion in 2010, and hereby pledge our re-commitment to fostering increased US - SSA trade under AGOA, through trade policy reforms that will provide African producers the necessary competitive edge to be successful in accessing US markets.

We recognize that the trade volumes are mainly composed of petroleum products. There's need for diversification of exports under AGOA beyond crude oil exports, to include value-added products produced by Small and Medium African producers across all sectors, particularly, in rural communities; using AGOA as platform for reducing poverty and mitigating the rural to urban migration of unskilled workers in Africa.

We acknowledge the fact that the sustainability of the positive gains in increased trade volume and closer economic ties between the U.S. and eligible SSA countries under AGOA in the last decade requires robust and receptivity to such participation from government. We believe this can be achieved, through dialogue, strengthened collaborations between the public and private sectors on policy, facilitate the extension of the 3rd Country Fabric provision and expiration of AGOA beyond its present deadlines.

We, the CSO gathered here, in Lusaka, for the 2011 AGOA CSO Forum are gravely concerned about the termination of the multi fibre provision in 2012, and the expiration of AGOA in 2015. We see these two upcoming deadlines as major challenges to the sustainability of the trade gains made since the passage of AGOA in 2000, and a threat to the improved trade linkages that currently exist between the US and SSA.

We applaud the US Administration's recent commitment to working with the US Congress on extending the 3rd Country Fabric provision to 2015. We call upon the US government to extend both the AGOA deadline, and the 3rd Country Fabric provision to 2025. We welcome the recent, midterm review of AGOA, conducted by the African Union and the UNECA, and look forward to their findings and recommendations. And we'd like to see CSOs as part of future midterm reviews.

1. We call upon the US Gov't to foster greater cooperation with, and provide enhanced technical assistance to eligible SSA countries. This supplemental support would enable eligible AGOA countries to conform to market requirements and other technical standards, such as Pest Risk Assessment, Minimum Residue Requirements, Sanitary and Phyto Sanitary regulations.

The 10th AGOA forum has brought together Civil Society, Private Sector, young professionals and entrepreneurs. Young entrepreneurs are important in the sustainability of SSA's development process. We therefore commend the Zambian and US governments for facilitating such a process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We hereby recommend the following:



We call upon SSA governments to adopt measures aimed at addressing the supply side constraints. And we call upon the US Government to consider extending 3rd Country Fabric provisions from 2012 to 2015 and the AGOA provisions beyond the current deadline of 2015.

We recommend that official delegations to future AGOA ministerial forums include and support at least 3 CSO representatives, so they can participate in CSO forums.

We call for the diversification of imports under AGOA from eligible African Countries, to include products by small and medium enterprises (SMEs) from various sectors, including arts, handicrafts, cultural souvenirs, and pottery.

We call upon the United States to provide technical assistance to eligible countries on sanitary and phyto-sanitary requirements, Minimum residue requirements, pest risk assessment and to facilitate imports of primary and value added agricultural products from Africa, under AGOA. We commend the US gov't efforts to initiate a bill to address Technical Assistance under AGOA.

We call upon SSA governments to reform their investment policies to encourage both domestic and FDI through public private partnerships for processing manufacturing plants in Africa.

We urge US, private sector to invest in SSA countries, and to also help create demand in the U.S. for African products.

We call upon African countries to speed up regulatory and policy reforms that foster private sector development, encourage domestic and foreign direct investment, stimulate the supply of export products that will create jobs in the rural areas and support agriculture and food and nutrition security.

We urge the US to support infrastructure development, especially the production, transmission and distribution of power to spur economic growth in Africa and support industrialization; and the building of feeder roads to transport products from farm to market, ports and airports to reduce transportation cost between SSA and markets in the US through the Millennium Challenge Corporation grants, private sector investment and other US Government bilateral assistance.

We call upon Governments of the SSA countries to harmonize and standardise customs requirements to allow for easier movement of goods and services.

We call upon the Governments of SSACountries, under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP), to increase investments in the sector, accordingly and address the needs of small holder agricultural producers. SSA countries should encourage investment through Public Private Partnerships, (PPP) in the processing of agriculture products; realising that the majority of the agricultural producers are small scale farmers.

We call upon SSA governments to undertake trade and gender assessments, specifically on women and to provide them support through skill enhancement and access to finance. This will ensure that opportunities for women in trade are maximized.

We call upon the USG to facilitate a framework under AGOA for empowerment of young African business professionals and entrepreneurs, through entrepreneurship skills development, knowledge exchange, mentorship and internship programmes.

We call upon the US government through AGOA to promote responsible business practices among US investors in SSA.

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Adams, Vanessa

Director Enterprise Development, West Africa Trade Hub, CARANA Corporation

Panel I: AGOA --Challenges and Opportunities [Panelist]

During over seven years overseeing the USAID –funded West Africa Trade Hub focusing on business capacity building and market expansion, Vanessa Adams managed programmatic and team expansion, generating results including \$170 million in exports, trained more than 7,000 people, and facilitated 10,000 new jobs for West Africans in a 21-country regional project. Ms. Adams joined the Trade Hub in 2004, managing a team that works with exporters in nontraditional sectors for export development and access to finance focusing in specialty foods, cashew, shea, home décor and apparel.

Internationally respected industry alliances in cashew and shea have fostered collaboration and focused on the “triple-bottom line” – people, planet and profit. International brands have emanated from the Trade Hub, with partner contributions generating increased market opportunities. In 2009, Ms. Adams took over as Director and increased stakeholder collaboration in business environment and transport sectors. Ms. Adams’ leadership led to the Borderless Alliance, bringing transport and logistics companies together with multinational exporters and traders to address regional transport and trade constraints.

Ms. Adams’ background includes consulting with Fortune 500 companies in the U.S. and initiating a non-profit in Europe. Ms. Adams is fluent in French and has a working knowledge of Bambara.



Adjahoe, Comfort Aku

Managing Director, Ele Agbe

Panel VII: Trade and Gender: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs [Panelist]

Comfort Aku Adjahoe is the Managing Director of Ele Agbe, a Shea butter production and export company in Ghana. Ele Agbe produces a variety of body creams, lotions, and soaps from Shea Butter and exports to U.S. markets. Ms. Adjahoe has been running Ele Agbe Company for twelve years and has participated in several U.S. trade shows. She has organized rural Ghanaian women into cooperatives to enable them to produce and supply products to her company.

Ms. Adjahoe transformed her personal Shea shop into a high quality Shea cosmetics export company. The expansion of Comfort’s business prompted her to seek out institutions that could exponentially increase her consumer reach. The USAID funded West Africa Trade Hub in Accra rebranded and repackaged Ele Agbe’s products to make diverse varieties of Shea cream more appealing to western customers. As a result, Ele Agbe was able to secure high-end niche U.S. markets, and her annual sales have increased by over 200%. Today, Ms. Adjahoe is working with over 300 women-led Shea processing shops that employ over 5,000 women Shea-nut pickers.

Ms. Adjahoe is a founding member of the “Network of African Women Entrepreneurs (NAWE)” NGO, which serves as a platform for the cross-pollination of ideas and empowerment among budding women entrepreneurs.



Afrifa, Benjamin

President, Africa Federation Inc.

Panel VIII: Public Private Partnerships: A Platform for Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs [Moderator]

Mr. Afrifa is the President and CEO of GrantsCom International, LLC, a management consulting company located in New York. Benjamin has over 17 years of experience in non-profit management. He worked as a Program Related Investment Officer and Grants Administrator at the Ford Foundation for over 10 years. Mr. Afrifa is a sought-after conference presenter as well as meeting and retreat facilitator covering a myriad of topics. He has travelled extensively worldwide to monitor projects, conduct site visits, and evaluate projects. Mr. Afrifa has also reviewed grants for United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Prior to Ford, Mr. Afrifa built an impressive policymaking skills having worked for the New York State Assembly; the Mayor’s Office of Operations (NYC); Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone (NYC) and the NYS Division of Human Rights (NYC office). Mr. Afrifa is a PhD Candidate (ABD) in Political Science (International Public Policy). He earned a Master’s of Public Administration (MPA) and a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from Baruch College of the City University of New York (CUNY). He’s an Adjunct Professor in Public Administration at Baruch College/CUNY. Mr. Afrifa’s active professional affiliations include American Political Science Association (APSA) and the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) and the Grant Professionals Association (GPA).

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Aganga, Hon. Olusegun Olutoyin

Minister, Trade and Investment, The Federal Republic of Nigeria

Luncheon Speaker

Olusegun Olutoyin Aganga was appointed by President Jonathan as Minister of Finance for the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 6 April 2010 to June 2011. In July 2011, Mr. Aganga was redeployed by the President to the new Ministry of Trade and Investment.

Prior to joining the Nigerian Cabinet, Minister Aganga worked in Arthur Young in Nigeria, Ernst & Young in London UK, and Goldman Sachs International in London, where he was Managing Director in hedge funds. He was also a Board Member of the Nigerian Security and Exchange Commission Technical Committee on Nigerian Capital Market Structure and a former Chairman of the Association for Financial Markets in Europe (AFME) Prime Brokerage Committee. Minister Aganga currently serves on a number of boards and committees including Technoserve and The Prince's Trust Invest in Futures Committee.

In 2006, he founded the Nigerian Leadership Initiative. Minister Aganga is credited for the establishment of the Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) in Nigeria. He was educated at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria where he obtained a B.Sc Degree in Biological Sciences in 1977 and the University of Oxford, United Kingdom where he obtained a degree in Theology in 2000. Minister Aganga qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1983.



Ali, H.E. Amina S.

Permanent Rep. of the African Union to the U.S.

Opening Ceremony [Speaker]

Ambassador Amina Salum Ali is the Permanent Representative of the African Union to the United States. As the African Union (AU) Ambassador to the U.S., Ambassador Ali speaks on behalf of the African Union and its Member States on the African Union's strategies to, accelerate socio-economic integration of the continent, promote peace and stability, build partnerships between African governments and all segments of civil society, in particular women and youth, as well as the private sector based on a common vision of a united, strong and prosperous Africa.

One of the major functions of her office is to support the African Diplomatic Corps in their efforts to consolidate and strengthen partnership with both the Executive and Legislative Branches of the U.S. Administration, including building political constituencies to advance the goals and objectives of the AU as well as organizing the African Diaspora to contribute towards Africa's socio-economic development. Ambassador Ali's mandate also consists of informing American popular opinion about Africa and the AU, as well as articulating Africa's key concerns and priorities. In building political constituencies in Washington, Ambassador Ali works towards nurturing and sustaining bilateral and multilateral relationships, with the U.S. Congress and Agencies, the Bretton Woods Institutions and the Organization of American States.

As the AU's first woman ambassador, Ambassador Ali is committed to promoting women's rights and children's issues.



Alimasi, Ntal

President, National Association of African Catholics in the U.S.

Panel VI: Engaging the Diaspora as Culture Brokers for US-Africa Trade and Investment Expansion [Panelist]

A native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ntal Alimasi is a Capacity Development and Governance Specialist, and has worked with academia, the private sector, government and international organizations, including AFRICARE, A.L. Nellum & Associates, Catholic Relief Services, Save the Children, Christian Children Fund, the International Youth Foundation, USIP, USAID, the US Department of State, the World Bank, and the African Development Bank. Alimasi has worked with senior government officials as well as CSOs in Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, and USA. He lectures on Governance in Africa at the US Department of State's Foreign Service Institute. At the World Bank Institute, he was in charge of the governance and anti-corruption program for Francophone Africa, and fostered work with CSOs and the creation of cross-border regional linkages, namely the Anti-Corruption Observatory in Central Africa (OLCAC) and the Governance Task Force for Africa.

Alimasi has provided technical assistance to the World Bank's Africa Diaspora Program, USIP, and the African Development Bank in mobilizing the African Diaspora for development and leveraging the contributions of the Diaspora in their countries of origin. He has worked in Belgium, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, DR Congo, France, Gabon, The Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, and the USA.

Alimasi is a PhD candidate in International and Development Education at the University of Pittsburgh, and holds two master degrees, respectively in Community Economic Development and in Education. He speaks English, French, Swahili, Lingala, Kikongo, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, and Mashi.

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Barbosa, Eileen Almeida

Adviser to the Prime Minister of Cape Verde

Panel VIII: Public Private Partnerships: A Platform for Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs [Panelist]

Ms. Barbosa advises Prime Minister of Cape Verde, José Maria Neves, on economic policies and issues. Prior to this advisory role, Ms. Barbosa has held key positions in a number of governmental and economic organizations and has a strong background in tourism promotion and sustainable economic development. Ms. Barbosa is also published author with a book and multiple poems in anthologies, as well as being the author of a blog with over 35,000 followers. Ms. Barbosa spreads her message not only through her work at the highest levels of government, but also through her writing and outreach efforts aimed at all levels of society.



Beckmann, David

President, Bread for the World

Remarks

David Beckmann is one of the foremost U.S. advocates for hungry and poor people. He has been president of Bread for the World since 1991, leading large-scale and successful campaigns to strengthen U.S. political commitment to overcome hunger and poverty in the country and around the world.

Beckmann is also president of Bread for the World Institute, which provides policy analysis on hunger and strategies to end it. He founded and serves as president of the Alliance to End Hunger, which engages diverse U.S. institutions—Muslim and Jewish groups, corporations, unions, and universities—in building the political will to end hunger.

Currently Beckmann is co-chair of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network. Prior to joining Bread, Beckmann worked at the World Bank for 15 years, overseeing large development projects and driving innovations to make the bank more effective in reducing poverty.

Beckmann earned degrees from Yale University, Christ Seminary, and the London School of Economics. Six universities have awarded him honorary doctorates. In 2010, he was named a laureate of the World Food Prize. He is a Lutheran pastor as well as an economist. Beckmann has lived in Bangladesh and Ghana, overseen projects in Bolivia and Ecuador, and visited more than 70 countries. He speaks Spanish.



Blyden, Gershwin

Chairman, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa

Panel VI: Engaging the Diaspora as Culture Brokers for US-Africa Trade and Investment Expansion [Moderator]

Gershwin T. Blyden, MD, PhD, FCP, FACP, a South Florida Bahamian-American physician who has contributed extensively to his community for decades, has a medical practice, specializing in internal medicine, hematology, oncology and sickle cell anemia. A past president of the James Wilson Bridges Medical Society, the black doctors' medical association, Dr. Blyden is a diplomate of the American Boards of Internal Medicine and Oncology, a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology and the American College of Physicians.

He has trained many doctors with whom he still consults. He is a member of the Florida Memorial University Board of Trustees, board chair of The Foundation for Democracy in Africa, and co-founder of Enhancers of Elderly Care. Recognizing the need for more black doctors and scientists, he led an initiative for black doctors to teach and mentor students at Holmes Elementary School and, with Leroy Smith, established the Blyden-Smith Scholar Program. He has won numerous awards and has a deep interest in the African Diaspora and tracing his Bahamian roots.

He graduated from Government High School in Nassau, Bahamas, and Tuskegee (Institute) University before earning his doctoral degree in pharmacology and his medical degree at Yale University. He was the first African-American to receive the pharmacology doctorate from Yale. He did his internship and residency at prestigious Massachusetts General Hospital, where he also had fellowships in hematology and oncology.

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Bowser, Muriel

Councilmember, Council of the District of Columbia

Luncheon Special Presentation

Muriel Bowser, a fifth-generation Washingtonian, brings a pragmatic, no-nonsense approach to legislation, oversight, and policy-making in her hometown. She was first elected as the Ward 4 Councilmember in a special election in 2007. Eighteen months later, she was re-elected with more than the 75 percent of voters endorsing her ambitious agenda focused on improving neighborhoods, transforming schools, and revitalizing corridors.

Now in her first full term on the Council, Councilmember Bowser is Chairman of the Committee on Government Operations & WMATA. This committee is responsible for matters related to the functioning of the city, the operation of city services & the Metro Transportation System. Councilmember Bowser champions consumer protection issues, while maintaining a keen focus on building a supportive business environment, which requires regulatory efficiency and predictability.

Councilmember Bowser earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Chatham College and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the American University. It is with extreme pride and gratitude that she serves the nearly 80,000 residents of Ward 4.



Carim, Xavier

Deputy Director General: International Trade and Economic Development, Department of Trade and Industry of South Africa

Panel I: AGOA --Challenges and Opportunities [Panelist]

Mr Xavier Carim is the Deputy Director General (DDG) for International Trade and Economic Development at the Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) of South Africa. He is responsible for managing South Africa's trade policy and international economic relations. His portfolio also includes leading South Africa's trade negotiations, at multilateral, regional and bilateral levels.

Prior to his current position, Mr Carim was Chief Director for Trade Negotiations at the dti. Previously, he served as South Africa's representative at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva. Before joining the dti in 1994, Mr Carim was a Research Fellow at the Centre for Southern African Studies and Lecturer in International Studies at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa. Mr Carim completed a BA Honours Degree in International Relations and Development Economics at Toronto University in Canada and an MA Degree in International Studies at the Rhodes University, in Grahamstown, South Africa.



Carson, Johnnie

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Dept. of State

[Keynote Speaker]

Ambassador Johnnie Carson was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of African Affairs, on May 7, 2009. Prior to this he was the National Intelligence Officer for Africa at the NIC, after serving as the Senior Vice President of the National Defense University in Washington D.C. (2003-2006).

Carson's 37-year Foreign Service career includes ambassadorships to Kenya (1999-2003), Zimbabwe (1995-1997), and Uganda (1991-1994); and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs (1997-1999). Earlier in his career he had assignments in Portugal (1982-1986), Botswana (1986-1990), Mozambique (1975-1978), and Nigeria (1969-1971). He has also served as desk officer in the Africa section at State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research (1971-1974); Staff Officer for the Secretary of State (1978-1979), and Staff Director for the Africa Subcommittee of the US House of Representatives (1979-1982).

Before joining the Foreign Service, Ambassador Carson was a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania from 1965-1968. He has a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Drake University and a Master of Arts in International Relations from the School of Oriental and Africa Studies at the University of London.

Ambassador Carson is the recipient of several Superior Honor Awards from the Department of State and a Meritorious Service Award from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. The Centers for Disease Control presented Ambassador Carson its highest award, "Champion of Prevention Award," for his leadership in directing the U.S. Government's HIV/AIDS prevention efforts in Kenya.

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Castillo, Alejandra

Deputy National Director, MBDA

Panel IV: Strengthening Africa SME's Capacity to Diversify Imports under AGOA [Opening Remarks]

Ms. Alejandra Castillo has recently been appointed to serve as National Deputy Director of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). In this role, Ms. Castillo will serve as the principal advisor to the MBDA National Director and will assist in managing the day-to-day activities of the Agency. Prior to her appointment with MBDA, Ms. Castillo served as Special Advisor to the Under Secretary for the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) where she was responsible for business outreach and development of policy initiatives geared at trade promotion and enforcement of U.S. trade laws. Ms. Castillo's experience

will be valuable to MBDA as she will play an integral role in developing and implementing MBDA's Global Export Initiative for the minority business community as part of President Obama's National Export Initiative.

A practicing attorney for several years, Ms. Castillo has worked in the private, government and non-profit sectors. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Ms. Castillo served as the Interim Executive Director of the Hispanic National Bar Association headquartered in Washington D.C.

Ms. Castillo holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in economics and political science. Ms. Castillo holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin and has a Juris Doctor degree from American University -Washington College of Law.



Curtis, Michael

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa, USAID

Opening Ceremony [Speaker]

Michael Curtis is USAID's Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa. In this capacity, Dr. Curtis provides strategic leadership in support of economic and social development programs in Africa. USAID implements a large and varied portfolio in Africa, providing \$6.4 billion of assistance to 49 countries in 2011. Prior to this position, he served as Acting Director of the Bureau for Africa's Office of Sustainable Development, which provides intellectual, technical, and strategic leadership for USAID's programs in Africa. Before joining USAID, Dr. Curtis worked for the U.S. Department of Energy, where he was the Director of the Office of Technology Analysis, in the Office of Policy and International Affairs, which is responsible for coordinating and

recommending science and technology policies relating to energy, economics, and environment. He served as technical manager of the U.S. Climate Change Technology Program and chaired the U.S. Government review of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fourth Assessment Report—Mitigation of Climate Change. Prior to beginning his federal service career, Dr. Curtis had over 23 years of experience as a practicing engineer and program manager.



Debass, Thomas

Director for Global Partnerships, U. S. Department of State

Panel VI: Engaging the Diaspora as Culture Brokers for US-Africa Trade and Investment Expansion [Panelist]

Thomas Debass serves as Director for Global Partnerships in the Office of the Secretary of State, responsible for the economic growth, global finance, and entrepreneurship portfolio; as well as leading the Secretary's diaspora engagement efforts. His recent partnership accomplishments include: the International Diaspora Engagement Alliance (IdEA), Caribbean Idea Marketplace (CIM), Latino American Idea (La Idea) Partnership, and the Accelerating Market-Driven Partnerships (AMP), and Liberalizing Innovation Opportunity Nations (LIONS@

FRICA) Partnership.

Prior to joining State Department, he was Lead Economist in the Office of Investment Policy with the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) in Washington, DC. Thomas also served as a senior technical advisor in USAID's Global Development Alliance and Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade teams, where he developed USAID's Diaspora Networks Alliance (DNA) framework and the associated African Diaspora Marketplace (ADM) competitions. He also developed access to private capital partnerships, including the microRISK Alliance (MRA) and the first Diaspora Direct Investment (DDI) credit and technical assistance facility.

Prior to his development finance career, Thomas worked on an agricultural research projects in Bangladesh and East Africa. Thomas is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a master's degree in Agricultural and Applied Economics and a bachelor's in Economics. He also has an Executive Certificate in International Business Management from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University.

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Dioum, Baba

Head of CAADP Pillar II, NEPAD

Panel V: Technical Assistance & Capacity Building to Support Expansion in Africa's Agricultural Sector
[Panelist]

Baba Dioum was born in Dahra, Senegal in 1937. Mr. Dioum studied ecology at the Ecole Nationale des Eaux et Forêts in Nancy, France where he received a degree in Forestry Engineering. Since that time his career has centered around environmental issues in Africa, including conservation, water and agricultural policy.

He is currently the Head of CAAP Pillar II, NEPAD and General Coordinator of the Conference of Ministers of West and Central Africa (CMA/WCA), an organization representing twenty African countries. In addition, Mr.

Dioum serves on the boards of the International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) located in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. Mr. Dioum was a founding member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and the International Council for Environmental Law as well as the Director of the Agricultural Policy Unit for the Senegalese Ministry of Agriculture.



Dusen, Michael Van

Executive Vice President, and COO, Woodrow Wilson Center

Welcome Remarks

Michael Van Dusen is Executive Vice President of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He has been a member of the Wilson Center's staff since 1999. He held the former position of Deputy Director of the Center.

Prior to his time as the Wilson Center, he worked for close to thirty years in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving as staff consultant and then staff director of the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East of the Committee of Foreign Affairs, then Chief of Staff of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and finally as Democratic Chief of Staff of the Committee on International Relations.

He has traveled extensively in Europe, the Middle East, and the Persian Gulf, and has written widely on Middle Eastern affairs and on Congress's role in foreign policy. He has been published in media outlets such as The Middle East Journal, Political Elites in the Middle East, the New York Times, The Middle East Journal, and the International Journal of the Middle East. Mr. Van Dusen holds a doctorate from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.



Fine, Patrick

VP- Compact Operations, MCC

Luncheon [Speaker]

Patrick Fine is the Vice President for Compact Operations at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, where he oversees an \$8 billion portfolio of diverse development partnerships in 23 countries. In more than 30 years working in international development, he has sought to promote mutual respect and professional partnerships that expand opportunity and well-being in poor countries.

Prior to joining MCC, Mr. Fine was Senior Vice President of the Global Education Group at the Academy for Educational Development. A retired career officer of the Senior Foreign Service, Mr. Fine served at USAID as the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Africa Bureau. As the USAID Mission Director in Afghanistan in 2004-05, he led the rapid expansion of U.S. assistance for reconstruction and development. Other USAID posts included Senegal, South Africa, Uganda, and Swaziland. Previously, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Swaziland and worked at Boston Public Schools and the National University of Lesotho.

Mr. Fine has a master's degree in international education from the University of Massachusetts and a bachelor's degree in education from Missouri State University. In 2004, the Government of Senegal awarded him the Ordre Du Merite for outstanding contributions to education.

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Foote, Mel

Chief Executive Officer, CFA

Panel VI: Engaging the Diaspora as Culture Brokers for US-Africa Trade and Investment Expansion [Panelist]

Mr. Melvin P. Foote has worked on African issues for more than 35 years. He is the Founder, President and CEO of the Constituency for Africa, (CFA), a 20-year old Washington, D.C.-based network of organizations, groups and individuals committed to the progress and empowerment of Africa and African people worldwide. CFA's mission is to build public and private support for Africa, and to help shape U.S. policies towards Africa. In 2002 Mr. Foote also founded the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC), a broad-based coalition of African-American and other Americans of African descent, who lead or are leaders of Africa-focused organizations and groups -- to promote Pan-African cooperation and to link Diaspora leaders in the Western Hemisphere with the African Union (AU), as part of their "sixth region" outreach initiative. Further, he serves as a consultant to the World Bank on African Diaspora issues as well as advises the African Union's Ambassador to the United States.

Mr. Foote has traveled and worked extensively in more than thirty African countries. He is a regularly requested speaker on radio and television as well as a prolific writer of articles and editorials featured in newspapers and magazines across the United States and in Africa.

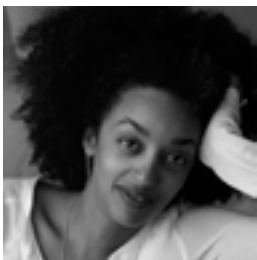


Gajewski, Gregory R.

Vice President, Economic Development, The Louis Berger Group, Inc.

Panel IV: Strengthening Africa SME's Capacity to Diversify Imports under AGOA [Panelist]

Dr. Gajewski has 30 years of experience as an economist. He is a Vice President of the Berger Group, where he manages economic and policy studies. He has worked as a development economist in over 30 countries, including in Africa: Tanzania, Egypt, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, The DRC, Nigeria and South Africa. He has worked extensively on the feasibility studies of infrastructure projects and national transport masterplans in Africa, Central Europe, the Caucasus, Asia, and the Former Soviet Union. He developed a strategy to transform the East and Central Africa northern transport corridor into an economic development region. In Afghanistan, he developed institutional reform plans for the transport and water sectors, working closely with Afghan Government officials. For the Asian Development Bank (ADB), he proposed revisions to the method the Bank uses to analyze the distributional and poverty-impact aspects of proposed projects that helped lead the ADB to using a different method for classifying projects. Dr. Gajewski gave advice to Government officials in numerous countries on macroeconomic management, international trade, transportation planning, agricultural finance and banking, poverty reduction, private-sector growth, and regional development. Dr. Gajewski earned his Ph.D. in economics at the George Washington University.



Getachew, Rahel

President, Afrolehar

PANEL VIII: Public Private Partnerships: A Platform for Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs [Panelist]

Rahel Getachew is an entrepreneur, founder and managing director of Afrolehar LLC, with extensive experience in business development, marketing and communications, and productions. As the lead consultant, she oversees the projects and manages the successful completion of contracted works. For over fifteen (15) years, she has coordinated and managed various projects, productions, programmes and events of various companies and organizations. Her experiences in Africa and North America, as a professional consultant, and member of the development aid corps have taught her that the way a people or a country is viewed depends on those who create the campaigns on their behalf. Rahel is also a multi-linguist, fluent in English, French and Amharic, and proficient in Spanish. Her interpersonal skills, refined cross-cultural and partnership-building abilities are some of her key attributes. Prior to establishing Afrolehar LLC, she worked in US, Canada, Ghana and Ethiopia.

Rahel earned her Bachelor of Arts with a major in Political Science and a minor in Business Studies aside from her associate degrees in Sociology and Psychology, teaching (TEST/TOEFL) certificate and ICT certificate.

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Haile, Nigest

Founder and Executive Director, CAWEE

PANEL VII: Trade and Gender: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs [Panelist]

Nigest Haile – is the Founder and Executive Director of the Center for African Women Economic Empowerment (CAWEE)

Nigest is an activist in the promotion of women entrepreneurs, with particular focus to women exporters, existing and potential/emerging exporters. She has 23 years experience working in the Ethiopian Ministry of Trade and Industry, at different capacities. In 2004, she founded CAWEE, the only NGO working in the country, providing capacity building support service targeting women exporters.

Nigest received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Ethiopia and her post graduate diploma from The Netherlands. She also was able to get trained in women entrepreneurship development & other relevant areas of enterprise development and export promotion in different countries and has different diplomas and certificates.

In conducting different kinds of action oriented researches, focusing on women in business, Nigest is actively involved, and recently was able to publish a book compiling the findings of five different researches on challenges affecting women in business.

Nigest received award from the Department of State, USA, in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the development of women-led businesses. Nigest is member of different boards, jury, platforms and networks, both locally and internationally.



Karanja, Daniel

Senior Fellow and Chief of Staff, Partnership to Cut Hunger

PANEL V: Technical Assistance & Capacity Building to Support Expansion in Africa's Agricultural Sector [Moderator]

Dr. Daniel Karanja is a Senior Fellow and Chief of Staff with the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, an independent U.S.-Africa effort focused on increasing the level and effectiveness of U.S. development assistance and public-private investments in Africa's agriculture and rural development.

Dr. Karanja has served as the Partnership's Co-Chair of the Working Group on Capacity Building in Science and Technology and led the Partnership's work on strengthening U.S.-Africa agricultural trade and capacity building, including work related to the U.S. Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and renewing commitments and US support for tertiary education in Africa.

Dr. Karanja is also Founder and Board member of the Association of African Agricultural Professionals in the Diaspora (AAPD), which aims to mobilize African Diaspora professionals to engage more actively in sharing their skills, resources and networks with African institutions, and also a member of numerous public, private and civil sector boards. He has widely published and has a Masters and Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Michigan State University, and a Bachelors degree in Agriculture from the University of Nairobi.



Kiganda, Julian B.

President, African Diaspora for Change

Reception: Mistress of Ceremony

Julian B. Kiganda is a native-born Ugandan whose work spans the nonprofit, corporate, government and educational sectors. As a board member of Designers Without Borders, she developed an online mentoring program with University design students in Uganda and design professionals in the U.S. Julian is currently President of African Diaspora for Change (ADC), whose mission is educate, empower and engage the next generation of leaders to affect change in perception and policy. ADC's programming incorporates culture, dialogue and civic engagement to build bridges in the African Diaspora. As President of Vibrant Design Group,

Julian uses design to grow her clients' bottom line. A dynamic brand expert, with more than 14 years experience in marketing, her firm's clients include the Nature Conservancy, the African Union, and National Geographic. She has been featured in various media including: Communication Arts, the Huffington Post, Washington Examiner, ARISE and Black Web 2.0. She is on the Marketing Advisory Council of ConvergeUS, a founding member of the AIGA Design Continuum Fund, and an active public speaker. Julian has presented at the World Bank, Rockville Women's Business Center, the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, Howard University and many others. She received her BA in Graphic Design from Marymount University.

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Kuhlmann, Katrin

President, TransFarm Africa

PANEL IV: Strengthening Africa SME's Capacity to Diversify Imports under AGOA [Panelist]

Katrin Kuhlmann is the President of TransFarm Africa, a fellow with the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs at the Aspen Institute and an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center. She was previously a Senior Fellow and Director at the Aspen Institute and a Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund. She has held other senior positions in the non-profit sector, including as President of the Trade, Aid and Security Coalition and Senior Vice President of the Women's Edge Coalition. Her work focuses on a market-led approach to trade, development and food security policy and developing tools to address policy and legal barriers facing entrepreneurs.

Prior to joining the non-profit sector, Ms. Kuhlmann served for six years as the Director for Eastern Europe and Eurasia in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) where she was responsible for developing and coordinating U.S. trade policy with Russia, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. She has also practiced law in New York and Washington, DC.

Ms. Kuhlmann holds degrees from Harvard Law School and Creighton University, and she was the recipient of a Fulbright grant to study international economics in Halle, Germany in 1992.



Kimenyi, Mwangi S.

Senior Fellow, and Director Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution

PANEL III: The Role of CSOs in Africa's Regional Integration and Bilateral Trade Facilitation Efforts [Panelist]

Mwangi S. Kimenyi is Senior Fellow and Director of the Africa Growth Initiative in the Global Economy and Development program of The Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. He is the Founding Executive Director of the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) in Nairobi and has been a faculty member of the Department of Economics at the University of Mississippi and the University of Connecticut. Kimenyi is also a Research Associate with the Center for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. He has been a visiting Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. Mwangi Kimenyi also served as member of the Board of Directors of Equity Bank, Kenya. Kimenyi received his undergraduate degree at the University of Nairobi-Kenya, and completed graduate studies at Ohio University and George Mason University, where he obtained a Doctorate degree in Economics in 1986. He has also studied for certificate programs at the University of Michigan and Harvard University. Kimenyi's research focuses on governance, trade and investment in Africa, U.S./Africa relations, financial inclusion, education, and policies for economic growth and poverty reduction.



Kyerematen, Alan J. K.

Coordinator African Trade Policy Centre Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division (RITD)

PANEL III: The Role of CSOs in Africa's Regional Integration and Bilateral Trade Facilitation Efforts [Panelist]

Alan Kyerematen has an extensive record in international trade, enterprise development, international public service, diplomacy and politics, spanning over a period of 35 years.

He was Ghana's Minister of Trade, Industry and Presidential Special Initiatives from 2003-2007 and also Ghana's Ambassador to the United States of America from 2001-2003. He was appointed in 1998 as the first Regional Director of Enterprise Africa, UNDP's flagship programme for enterprise development in Africa, a position he held until 2001.

Alan Kyerematen was the Chief Executive of the Empretec Ghana Foundation, an internationally acknowledged entrepreneurship and business development support institution, sponsored by the UN and Barclays Bank from 1990-1998. Prior to that, he managed and participated in a number of major public and private sector consulting assignments as Principal Consultant with MDPI, one of the leading Management Development Institutes in Ghana, from 1984-1990.

In his current position as the Coordinator of the African Trade Policy Centre of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Alan is leading efforts in Africa to provide a comprehensive range of trade support services to member States, Regional Economic Communities and other trade constituencies including the private sector and civil society.

Alan is a graduate in Economics from the University of Ghana and also a qualified Barrister-at-Law. He was a Hubert Humphrey Fellow of the University of Minnesota, under the United States Fulbright Fellowship Program.

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Lande, Steve

President, Manchester Trade

PANEL II: CSO's Role in Effecting Legislative Reforms that Enhance US Africa Trade Beyond the Expiration of AGOA in 2015 [Panelist]

PANEL IV: Strengthening Africa SME's Capacity to Diversify Imports under AGOA [Moderator]

As an early force in creating the North American Free Trade Agreement [NAFTA], Stephen is considered 'Father' of both the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences [GSP] and the Caribbean Basin Initiative [CBI]. Recently, he has become more directly involved with U.S. and African governments in the advancing of an enhanced AGOA - one that seeks to take advantage of investments from the U.S., of the cultural brokers in

the African Diaspora and also the potential of African economic integration. He is an experienced and distinguished international trade expert – starting as a Foreign Service officer in the Economic Bureau of the State Department and later enjoying a 12-year career with the U.S. Trade Representative as the Senior Trade Negotiator. Stephen currently serves as Adjunct Professor at George Washington University School of Foreign Service.



Liser, Florie

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

Opening Ceremony [Speaker]

PANEL I: AGOA --Challenges and Opportunities [Moderator]

Florizelle (Florie) Liser [lih-ZEER] is the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa in the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). In this position, she leads U.S. trade efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa and oversees implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). Ms. Liser previously served as Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Industry, Market Access, and Telecommunications. From 1987 to 2000, Ms. Liser worked at the U.S. Department of Transportation, where she served as senior trade policy advisor to

the Secretary in the Office of International Transportation and Trade. From 1980 to 1987, Ms. Liser worked in the USTR GATT Affairs office on WTO developing country trade issues, including the Committees on Trade and Development, Least Developed Countries, and Balance-of-Payments. As an Associate Fellow at the Overseas Development Council (ODC) from 1975-1980, Ms. Liser served as the ODC source person on Africa. Ms. Liser holds a M.A. in International Economics from Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and a B.A. in International Relations and Political Science from Dickinson College. She was born in Colon, Republic of Panama and raised in Brooklyn, New York.



Maaga, Jacob

Chief Executive Officer, Africa Commodities & Futures Exchange (ACFEX)

PANEL V: Technical Assistance & Capacity Building to Support Expansion in Africa's Agricultural Sector [Panelist]

Jacob Maaga has been actively working in the financial industry since 2002. He holds series 7(The Series 7 license is the most comprehensive of several securities licenses that permit an agent to communicate with investors in USA), 63 and 66 licenses and has worked as a stockbroker and trader between 2003 and 2007. He advised clients on equities trades and executed them on NYSE, AMEX and NASDAQ. He also traded in other derivatives including stock options for his clients. Mr. Maaga later moved to private client banking and personal

financial planning for High net worth Individuals. As a financial advisor, he advised clients on retirement, income planning, assets allocation, protection and many other areas. He worked in leverage and restructuring financing for 2 years and consulting on international financing and international offshore private placement. In 2008 he started working on putting together ACFEX, the Pan-African exchange, and in 2010 he went full time to concentrate on the Project. He has been instrumental assembling the human resources and technology necessary to execute the project. He has been instrumental in writing the exchange training derivative contract; and the rules and regulation. Mr. Maaga has been a panelist at the World Bank, USAID and the Partnerships to cut hunger in Africa events speaking on ICT in Agriculture.

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McDonald, Steve

Consulting Director, Africa Program and Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, Woodrow Wilson Center

Luncheon: Master of Ceremony

Steve McDonald is the consulting director of the Africa Program, as well as, the Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, at the Woodrow Wilson Center. McDonald has worked with both the National Endowment for Democracy and with the African-American Institute in implementing democratization activities. He has worked on assessment teams to design civic education, monitoring and training for elections officials for elections in South Africa and Uganda and has done assessments of human rights situation in Nigeria. He

initiated and organized a series of regional conferences with USAID, Department of Defense, World Bank and United Nations funding on the role of the military in democratization in Africa. McDonald also oversaw the African Regional Electoral Assistance Fund which engaged in training of elections officials, civic voters' education, observation and monitoring of elections throughout Africa, to include 34 separate country activities in partnership with the National Democratic Institute of International Affairs, the International Republican Institute, and the Carter Center at Emory University. McDonald holds a Master's degree in African Politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London and a Bachelors' in French and Political Science from Southwest Missouri State University.



Madonsela-Kamalandua, Winnie

Lecturer, University of Swaziland

PANEL VII: Trade and Gender: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs [Panelist]

Winnie Kamalandua (nee Madonsela), aged 45, is a lecturer at the University of Swaziland. She teaches Economics & conducts Socio-Economic, Trade and Development research. Winnie holds an M.A. ECON from Queen's University, Canada & a B.A. Social Science with majors in Economic and Statistics. She has served in the academic board of The African Economics Research Consortium and as Research Focal Point for the Gender and Trade Network in Africa. Winnie was involved in the development of a National Export Strategy, Private Sector Development Strategy and Aid for Trade Strategy for Swaziland. She is a non-executive member of the Board of Directors at Standard bank Swaziland. She is Chairperson of the Resource Mobilization Committee at

Family Life Association of Swaziland.

Winnie has undertaken Socio-Economic consultancy work for the Commonwealth Secretariat, Centre for Multinational Corporations, The World Trade Organization, African Development Bank and the United Nations Development Programme. She was involved in both the first and second national communication on impacts of climate change in Swaziland and was involved in the preparation of the national report for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Rio +20.

Winnie is married with three children. She enjoys classical music and spending time with her family.



Mafe, Eniola

Program Manager, Vital Voices Partnership

PANEL VII: Trade and Gender: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs [Panelist]

Eniola Mafe is a Program Manager on Africa at Vital Voices Global Partnership. In this role she is responsible for Eniola provides programmatic development and support for Vital Voices economic and SME-development programs in the U.S. and Sub-Saharan Africa. She is currently supporting the development of the Africa Businesswomen's Network (ABWN), a partnership among local businesswomen's organizations throughout Africa which supports the organizational development of its member associations, strengthens the services and market access they provide to women entrepreneurs, and collectively advocates for an enabling business

environment in Africa. Since its formation in 2008 the network has developed member associations in six countries and has served more than 21,000 women.

Prior to joining Vital Voices, Eniola worked with Women's World Banking Ghana (WWBG), where she developed Social Impact methodology to quantify the social/community impact of the microfinance institutions on its clients, investors and wider community. She also completed an internship at APCO worldwide, where she focused on corporate responsibility research and market analysis. Eniola began her career as an Equity Financing Analyst at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, where she managed hedge fund client relationships.

Eniola has spoken on various external panels to speak on women's economic empowerment, including: World Bank, Corporate Council on Africa, AGOA-AWEP Forum, Small Business Administration, Anakazi, Congressional Black Caucus.

Eniola holds a M.A. from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, specializing in International Business and Development, and a B.A. in International Studies from Spelman College.

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Marsh, Pearl Alice

U.S. Policy Director, ONE

**PANEL III: The Role of CSOs in Africa's Regional Integration and Bilateral Trade Facilitation Efforts
[Moderator]**

Dr. Pearl-Alice Marsh currently serves as Global Health Policy Director for ONE and is responsible for developing and coordinating the overall global health strategy. She also serves as U.S. Policy Director and is responsible for coordinating US policy initiatives with global policy efforts. Prior to this position, she served as the Democratic Senior Professional Staff Member for the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. She was responsible to the Chairman for oversight of foreign assistance and legislation related to Africa and Global Health. Prior to serving

the Committee, Dr. Marsh was the Executive Director of the Africa Policy Information Center, Senior Research Associate for International Affairs at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Program Director for the Center for African Studies at the University of California, Berkeley and Coordinator of the Berkeley-Stanford Joint Center for African Studies.

Dr. Marsh holds a Ph.D. in political Science and Master of Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley, and B.A. in Social Welfare from Sacramento State College.



Matanda, Dennis

The Africa Maven Group

PANEL II: CSO's Role in Effecting Legislative Reforms that Enhance US Africa Trade Beyond the Expiration of AGOA in 2015 [Panelist]

Dennis Matanda has a stellar sense of strategy: what the end goal and ideal ought to be.

As the quintessential marketing guy, he begun his career in radio and ultimately went on to manage Gifted By Nature – Uganda's international branding campaign.

Augmented by proficiency in writing + project management, he is just as eloquent at emotional branding as he is at dialectical materialism and Dostoyevsky.

With a post grad in American Politics and Strategy; an MBA, and both Graduate and Undergraduate International Relations degrees, Mr. Matanda's education, diverse work experience, extensive travel + wide circle of connections almost guarantee that he'll be resourceful + attentive to nuance.

Dennis brings policy expertise alongside a zest for government relations. He was key to the success of corporation restructuring projects in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and South Africa; New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and New England.

Mathiang , Manasseh

CEO, Marketing Solutions Co. Ltd.

PANEL VIII: Public Private Partnerships: A Platform for Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs [Panelist]

Marketing Solutions Co. Ltd. is a registered firm in South Sudan that offers marketing services, including promotion, printing services, branding, events management and other related services that help clients create visibility for their products and services. The company is known for event management and production services for events such as Investor's Night (an event promoting investment in South Sudan) and the Juba Marathon (a charity event benefiting children's health care in South Sudan). Mr. Mathiang wants to use his company's event management skills to raise money for children's health initiatives; in 2012, his firm began working with the Al Sabah Children's Hospital, the only pediatric health facility in South Sudan, to build a much-needed waiting room.

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Mwambwa, Savior

Executive Director, Centre for Trade Policy and Development

PANEL III: The Role of CSOs in Africa's Regional Integration and Bilateral Trade Facilitation Efforts
[Panelist]

Savior is currently the Executive Director for the Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD), a Zambian civil society network of NGOs working on promoting civil society participation and advocacy for fair and pro-poor trade and development policies and processes. Savior has spent the last 8 years of his career working in the Civil Society sector focussing on issues of participation, poverty reduction strategies, budgets, Aid Effectiveness and Trade policy. He has previously worked with Water Aid in Zambia as a researcher on Poverty Reduction Strategies and budgets in the water sector. Between 2005 and 2007 he worked with the Civil Society for Poverty reduction (CSPR) umbrella network coordinating Zambian civil society participation and monitoring of the National development Plans, Donor Aid harmonisation programmes and Poverty Reduction programmes. (PRPs)

Savior led CTPD in co-hosting the civil society/private sector session of the 2011 AGOA forum held Last June in Lusaka, Zambia. CTPD and its partners are involved in strengthening the capacities of grassroots organisations abilities to influence National and regional trade policy processes and also monitoring the impacts of the Zambian government policies, International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and Multinational Companies (MNCs) activities on the livelihoods of poor communities in Zambia.



Mwololo, Justus

Kenya Civil Society Alliance

PANEL II: CSO's Role in Effecting Legislative Reforms that Enhance US Africa Trade Beyond the Expiration of AGOA in 2015 [Panelist]

Justus Lavi Mwololo is a small scale farmer, entrepreneur and activist from Kenya. Mr. Mwololo has extensive experience in international trade, having served as the Managing Director for a global import/export trading, manufacturing and Agro business since 2008. He is also an organizing member of the Kenya Civil Society Alliance (KCSA). As a member of KCSA, Mr. Mwololo collaborated with US Civil Society organizations in preparing for 2011 AGOA Forum, which was hosted by the Government of Kenya. He also serves on the Kenya National

Committee on AGOA, advising the government of Kenya on Kenyan's participation in AGOA.

Mr. Mwololo holds a BSC (M/P/C) from the University of India. He also holds a Diploma in Entrepreneurship, and has completed numerous courses in Policy Analysis, Trade and Negotiation Techniques, Leadership, Management, and Marketing.



Ndyabahika, Apolo

CEO, The Africa Maven Group

PANEL VIII: Public Private Partnerships: A Platform for Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs [Panelist]

Apolo is currently the CEO of Africa Maven Group (AMG), an organization that is working to foster innovation in Africa by developing Information Technology and creating an environment for Africans to develop ingenious solutions to everyday problems. AMG realizes that our greatest wealth is in our people and that is where his passion lies; in giving people hope and belief in themselves, investing in our human capital, educating our young, cultivating relationships and connecting people. Africa Maven Group is working towards fostering innovation in Africa by developing Information Technology laboratories in East Africa and creating an environment for

Africans to develop ingenious solutions to everyday problems.

He has worked as a grants manager and program director at research hospitals in the Boston area and with African Diaspora community; at the East African Cooperation Forum - Diaspora where he served as Director of Communications and as President. He is also a Director at Grace Villa Kabale an organization that seeks to empower the girl child in Uganda.

Apolo was born in Kabale, Uganda. He spent his early formative years in the USA, Scotland, Kenya and Uganda where he studied at Kings College Budo and Makerere University. While in the USA he was educated at Massachusetts Communications College and Messiah College.

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Okonmah, Anthony

Executive Director, AfrICA Trade Development Center

PANEL IV: Strengthening Africa SME's Capacity to Diversify Imports under AGOA [Panelist]

Mr. Anthony Okonmah is the Executive Director of The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA). Founded in 1994, FDA is non-profit, non-partisan development organization committed to promoting culturally intrinsic programs aimed at enhancing sustainable development, democracy, freedom and economic plurality in Africa. FDA provides training and capacity building to the African private and public sectors and civil society organizations, promotes the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) thru the annual U.S.-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum and its AfrICANDO Symposium - A US-Africa Trade and Investment

Conference, held in Miami Florida, annually.

Prior to this position with FDA, Mr. Okonmah worked with several drug companies as a research scientist and also taught doctor of pharmacy students – research methodology. Mr. Okonmah has published over thirty peer-review articles and abstracts in the scientific journals.

Mr. Okonmah serves on the Board of Director of the Miami-Dade County Industrial Development Authority and several other private sector organizations in the US and Africa.

He holds an undergraduate degree from Tuskegee Institute, in Alabama and a graduate degree from the college of pharmacy and pharmaceutical Sciences, Florida A&M University, in Tallahassee, Florida.



Oladeinde, Fred

Chair AGOA CSO Working Group, and President, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa

**Opening Ceremony: Welcome and Introduction
Greetings**

Fred Oladeinde is the President of The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA). FDA is a non- governmental organization established in 1994 to assist in mainstreaming the economies of emerging democracies in Africa into the global economy, thus cultivating the pathway for peace and prosperity in Africa.

Mr. Oladeinde is also the Chair of the AGOA Civil Society Network, the organizers of the CSO Session of the 11th US-Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum. Established in 2003 the CSO network consists of non-governmental organizations (NGO's), small to medium sized businesses, chambers of commerce and individuals in the United States and Africa that work to optimize the benefits of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and the Generalized Systems of Preferences (GSP), in expanding US-Africa trade, economic cooperation, and cultural ties. Mr. Oladeinde has testified before the U.S. Congress in support of AGOA.

Before being tapped for the leadership of FDA, Mr. Oladeinde served as President and CEO of a U.S. Export Trading Company with operations and clients throughout Africa, working in Nigeria, Ghana, Republic of Benin, Sierra Leone, Niger, Cameroon's, Togo, and Egypt.

Mr. Oladeinde received both his Bachelor of Arts degree (1980) and Masters in Business Administration in (1982) from Howard University.



Sanders, Robin

Founder, FEEEDS Advocacy Initiative at Robert Morris University

PANEL VII: Trade and Gender: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs [Moderator]

Dr. Robin Renee Sanders served as U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the ECOWAS Regional Organization from 2007-2010, and to the Republic of the Congo from 2002-2005. Prior to that she was the International Affairs Advisor and Deputy Commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces -- one of the U.S. military's premier colleges at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. -- where she also taught International Affairs, National Security Issues, and African Studies. Ambassador Sanders has served twice as the Director for Africa at the National Security Council at the White House. She has a range of

foreign and public policy analytical experience; technical expertise in public diplomacy; substantive knowledge on business development, African election processes, human rights, food security, education, environment, democracy, conflict resolution; and best practice expertise on energy sector reform having worked in two oil-producing African nations.

Ambassador Sanders holds a Doctor of Science degree from Pittsburgh's Robert Morris University (RMU); Master of Art and Master of Science degrees in International Relations, Africa Studies, and Communications, respectively from Ohio University; and, a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Hampton University. Dr. Sanders is currently Board Chairperson of Songhai Integrative Farms Systems -- which are leading African centers of excellence focusing on the key global issues of food security, agriculture, sustainable environment, energy, youth education and entrepreneurship. Sanders also is founder of the FEEEDS® Advocacy Initiative on these same issues at RMU and an RMU Board Trustee.

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Schneidman, Witney

Special Advisor, Africa Growth Initiative at Brookings

PANEL II: CSO's Role in Effecting Legislative Reforms that Enhance US Africa Trade Beyond the Expiration of AGOA in 2015 [Panelist]

Witney Schneidman is a Special Adviser at the Africa Growth Initiative at the Brookings Institution and President of Schneidman & Associates International, a Washington-based consulting firm that advises companies and NGOs in Africa. During the Clinton Administration, Dr. Schneidman served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African affairs, where he was responsible for economic and commercial issues in Sub-Saharan Africa. He is a member of the Trade Advisory Committee on Africa at the U.S. Trade Representative's Office, the Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee of the U.S.-Export-Import Bank, the Corporate Council on Africa and the Council on Foreign Relations. During the Obama campaign in 2008, Dr. Schneidman co-chaired the Africa Experts Group and was a member of the Presidential Transition Team. He has written widely on African economic and political affairs and, most recently, is the author of "The African Growth and Opportunity Act: Looking Back, Looking Forward," published by the Brookings Institution in June 2012. He is also the author of *Engaging Africa: Washington and the Fall of Portugal's Colonial Empire*, published in 2004 by the University Press of America.



Sheikh, Patricia

Deputy Administrator, Office of Capacity Building and Development, USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service

PANEL I: AGOA --Challenges and Opportunities [Panelist]

Ms. Sheikh is Deputy Administrator for the Office of Capacity Building and Development in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). From January -April 2009, Ms. Sheikh was Acting Deputy Under Secretary for USDA's Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services and from January-August 2009, she was FAS' Acting General Sales Manager.

Ms. Sheikh was selected as the Deputy Administrator for FAS' Office of Capacity Building and Development in November 2006. From June 1997-November 2006, Ms. Sheikh served as Deputy Administrator for FAS' International Trade Policy. Ms. Sheikh is the architect of USDA's Africa strategy, and was the key architect of USDA's North Asia trade policy strategy. She assumed her position as Deputy Administrator after having distinguished herself by leading the Department's efforts to resolve trade policy issues for well over a decade.

In her new capacity, she is charged with overseeing all capacity building endeavors, including those associated with food assistance, thereby employing a "holistic approach" to development. Ms. Sheikh also coordinates the U.S. government's foreign policy objectives as they relates to capacity building endeavors. Her extensive work in agricultural affairs puts her in the unique position of employing her vast working experience to tackle the complex problems associated with food security.



Simpkins, Gregory

Professional Staff Member, House Sub-committee on Africa Global Health and Human Rights

PANEL II: CSO's Role in Effecting Legislative Reforms that Enhance US Africa Trade Beyond the Expiration of AGOA in 2015 [Moderator]

Gregory Simpkins is Professional Staff Member for the U.S. House Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health and Human Rights, where he advises the Chairman on policy issues, arranges Congressional hearings, drafts legislation and conducts oversight missions. He served in the same position from 1997-98 and from 2005-2006. Mr. Simpkins has served in a variety of positions in civil society, allowing him to help shape or implement U.S. policy on Africa, as well as design and manage multi-level democratization, trade and capacity-building programs in Africa. He has managed the content for several international conferences, including the 1999 Corporate Council on Africa Summit, the 2002 African Union-Western Hemisphere Diaspora Conference, the 2003 African Growth and Opportunity Act Forum and the 2008 Leon H. Sullivan Summit.

A journalist who has worked in national and local radio as a reporter, talk show host and producer since 1977, Mr. Simpkins has written for national and international magazines and newspapers, including the Christian Science Monitor, the Washington Times, Jane's Terrorism and Security Monitor, the Nairobi (Kenya) Law Monthly and The Guardian (Nigeria). From 2009-2011, wrote the blog Africa Rising 2010. He holds a B.A. from George Washington University and an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management.

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Siwela, H.E. Sheila

Ambassador of the Republic of Zambia to the US, and outgoing Chair of the AGOA Ministerial Planning Committee

Opening Ceremony [Speaker]

Zambia's Ambassador to the United States of America with extra accreditation to Mexico, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Belize, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, The World Bank and The International Monetary Fund

Prior position have included Zambia's Ambassador to Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg The European Union, OPCW, ICC (2008-2010) ; Zambia's Ambassador to Zimbabwe (2005-2008) and 003 - 2005 Deputy High Commissioner for the Republic of Zambia to The Federal Republic of Nigeria (2003-2005). Ambassador Siwela is also served as the 2002 - 2003 Founder and Lead Consultant for The Motivational Centre for Africa's Transformation (MoCAT) from 2002-2003.

Ambassador Siwela's vision is to be a catalyst in transforming the youth and women of Africa into visionaries and achievers

Ambassador Siwela holds at Msc, (Human Resources), The University of Manchester, U.K. 1991, BA (Adm) The University of Western Ontario, Canada 1979, and a Diploma in Social Work, The University of Zambia.



Smith, Shirley Rivens

President, US-Africa Sister Cities Foundation, Inc.

Luncheon [Mistress of Ceremony]

Shirley Rivens Smith, Washington, DC, Ms Senior DC 2009, is an experienced financial manager with a MBA in finance and management. Her management experience includes project and grant management, community outreach, conference and event coordination.

She took her first trip to Africa (Sierra Leone) in 1972, with Crossroads Africa. She has traveled to 22 African nations and has met most African presidents and ambassadors. She chair the DC-Dakar Sister Cities Council which has been twinned with Dakar, Senegal since 1980 and in 1990 Co-founder and President of the US Africa Sister Cities Foundation, Inc, www.usasc.org.

She has served on numerous Boards and Commissions including Board member of Sister Cities International and past Treasurer; was a member of President Obama's DC Steering Committee 2008; Black Professional International Association (BPIA)–Treasurer (2008-present); Membership Chair of DC NAACP; and elected ANC Commissioner 5A09 (2006- present).

Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority -The Federal City Alumnae Chapter; African American Women's Association; National Council of Negro Women; Smithsonian Association; Phi Beta Kappa; Ward 5 Democrats; and African American Unity Caucus. Have received awards: US Africa Sister Cities Appreciation 1995; President of Senegal (The Honorable Abdou Diouf) present her with the highest non-government award.



Tillemann, Tomicah

Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Civil Society and Emerging Democracies, U.S. Dept of State

Opening Ceremony [Speaker]

The Secretary of State appointed Tomicah Tillemann as Senior Advisor for Civil Society and Emerging Democracies in October 2010. In coordination and collaboration with department bureaus, Dr. Tillemann and his staff are responsible for helping to develop and operationalize the Secretary's civil society agenda and strengthen emerging democracies. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Tillemann served as a speechwriter to the Secretary and assisted her in framing and articulating the policies of the United States for a global audience. Before joining the Department of State, he worked for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he was the principal policy advisor on European and Eurasian affairs to then-Chairman Joseph Biden. Dr. Tillemann's other professional experience includes work with the House Subcommittee on International Organizations, Security, and Human Rights, the White House Office of Media Affairs, and five U.S. Senate and Congressional campaigns. He has also helped to found and lead numerous civil society organizations, including the Lantos Foundation and the Student Campaign for Child Survival. He received his BA magna cum laude from Yale University and holds a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University.

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Vazquez, Elizabeth

President and CEO, WEConnect International, Washington, DC, USA

Luncheon [Speaker]

Elizabeth is a world leader in global supplier diversity and inclusion. As the CEO of WEConnect International, she is responsible for the development of the global strategy and network. She sits on several Boards of Directors, including the Global Banking Alliance for Women, is an Advisor to the Clinton Global Initiative, and is a Member of the U.S. Department of State's International Council on Women's Business Leadership Subcommittee on Access to Markets. She is also the CEO and Co-Founder of TradeBuilders, which conducted the world's first "Virtual Trade Missions" starting in 1999 to connect businesses over the Internet. Elizabeth was born in Mexico

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PANEL I: AGOA --Challenges and Opportunities [Panelist]

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PANEL V: Technical Assistance & Capacity Building to Support Expansion in Africa's Agricultural Sector [Panelist]

Rahama Wright was introduced to shea butter production in 2002 when she worked as an intern at the American Embassy in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. During her assignment, she interviewed shea butter producers and discovered the challenges they had in bringing their products to market. Soon after this, she committed to a two year Peace Corps service in Mali, where she helped to create the first shea butter cooperative in her village. In 2005 Rahama officially launched Shea Yeleen International, a 501c3 that helps women in West Africa organize cooperatives, provides training on quality assurance and micro enterprise development, and brings shea butter products to market. Shea Yeleen is working to help over 700 women earn a living wage through the production and sale of shea butter. Shea Yeleen has been featured in Oprah Magazine, Real Simple, and Women's Health Magazine, The Washington Informer, Voice of America, and WPFW 89.3. In 2008 the White House Project and O, Oprah Magazine selected Rahama as a national leader. Rahama received her degree in International Relations from the SUNY Geneseo and has worked for Aguirre International and Georgetown University. She's an avid traveler and visited and worked in Afghanistan, Morocco, Namibia, Zambia, Kenya, Southern Sudan, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Ghana.



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AGOA FACTSHEET

The Civil Society Session (CSO) of the 2012 African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum will examine the following issues: AGOA - Challenges and Opportunities; Civil Society's Role in Effecting Legislative Reforms that Enhance US Africa Trade Beyond the Expiration of AGOA in 2015; Africa's Regional Integration and Bilateral Trade Facilitation Efforts; Strengthening African SME's Capacity to Diversify Imports under AGOA; Technical Assistance & Capacity Building to Support Expansion in the Africa's Agricultural Sector; Engaging the Diaspora as Culture Brokers for US-Africa Trade and Investment Expansion; Public Private Partnerships: A Platform for Supporting Youth Entrepreneurship; and Trade and Gender: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs. This year's CSO Session will take place at a number of venues. The Opening Ceremony and day one activities will take place on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, events have been scheduled at the Woodrow Wilson Center and the Brookings Institution on Wednesday, June 13th. On June 14th CSOs will present their recommendations to the Opening Session of the Ministerial Session. The Closing Session of the Forum will take place on June 15th ; both events; the opening and closing of the Ministerial Session will take place at the U.S. Department of State.

The Importance of Civil Society within AGOA

- Recognizing the important role that civil society plays in promoting trade, and economic growth, and generating employment and income, AGOA legislation encourages the participation of civil society in the AGOA Forum discussions
- Civil society organizations have a particularly important role in promoting good governance, as this applies to trade as well as other sectors. CSOs can ensure that free and fair trade exists, especially for those trade policies that negatively affect producers and consumers; and that policy makers are held accountable for their actions through a transparent process
- Civil society entities tend to represent and target specific issues. These issues include good governance, human rights, women's issues, and education, and often focus on specific regions or countries
- The U.S. Government values the input and contributions of civil society around the world. During the 2010 AGOA Forum in Washington DC, President Obama invited youth leaders from across Africa to meet in the White House, and Secretary Clinton, regularly meets with civil society organizations during her travels and takes their viewpoints into consideration
- The U.S. Government believes civil society, both in Africa and America, can play an important role in acting as both as

ombudsmen on adherence to trade rules, and facilitators for elements of trade that are beyond the purview of government and not necessarily on the agendas of big business. Small and medium enterprises may be too small to individually weigh in on various points, but civil society can, and do represent their interests.

Background

The Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) became law in October 2000. AGOA was the first and most generous market access agreement ever offered by the U.S. and has resulted in a massive increase in U.S. Africa trade. The House Ways and Means Committee, sponsors of AGOA, solicited widely the views of civil society in shaping the legislation and relied upon their support for its passage.

As a result of this broad input and support, Congress included in AGOA's provisions a requirement of an annual AGOA Forum. This Forum was to serve as an opportunity to evaluate the progress that AGOA was making not only fostering bi-lateral trade, but, also in enhancing African economic growth and opportunity for all stakeholders. The legislation requires that both the private sector and civil society be included in this dialogue.

Over the past twelve years, the AGOA Forum has evolved to its current format which entails the private sector and civil society groups having joint and parallel sessions whereby common and sector specific themes can and are addressed. Moreover, civil society participation has been largely comprised of those organizations that have an interest in economic development and inclusion.

Frequently these civil society organizations consist of community development organizations, agricultural, and handicraft producers associations, gender based groups and other non-government organizations. The topics that are frequently discussed include empowerment for SMEs, creating sustainable demand for African products in US markets, providing technical assistance and training to African producers to mitigate supply side constraints, and how to improve the value chain and supply chain effectiveness of African producers to increase competitiveness in regional and global markets. At the conclusion of the civil society and private sector sessions, the respective organizing committees draft a series of recommendations that are announced at the government-to-government plenary in an effort to guide policymakers in their AGOA deliberations.

During the 2011 AGOA Forum in Lusaka, Zambia, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) presented their recommendations in the form of a Communiqué at the opening of the Ministerial Session of the Forum. A key recommendation is that official delegations to future AGOA Ministerial Forums include and support the participation of a minimum of three (3) CSO representatives to the CSO Session of the Forum.

Ministerial Communiqué

10th AGOA Forum: June 9-10, 2011



1. We, Ministers of Trade from the following AGOA beneficiary countries met in Lusaka, Zambia on 9 May 2011: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Lesotho, Liberia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, and Zambia.

2. We also jointly met with our partners from the United States Government from 9th to 10th June 2011 to deliberate on various topics around the theme of the 2011 AGOA Forum: **'Enhanced Trade through Increased Competitiveness, Value addition and Deeper Regional Integration.'**

3. We welcome the statement made by His Excellency President Rupiah Bwezani Banda at the opening of the 10th AGOA Forum, in which he welcomed the intention of the U.S. to extend the AGOA preferences beyond 2015 to 2025.

4. We also welcome the message received from **President Barack Obama** in which, inter alia, a commitment was made towards the extension of the Third Country Fabric Provision beyond 2012.

5. We further welcome the statements made during the Forum by Secretary of State, **Mrs. Hillary Clinton** and United States Trade Representative, **Amb. Ron Kirk** pledging U.S. commitment of up to \$30 million per year for four years towards boosting trade capacity in Africa through the African Competitiveness and Trade Expansion Initiative (ACTE), as well as a pledge of \$2 million towards supporting the activities of the African Women Entrepreneurship Programme (AWEP).

6. We received the report of the meeting of the Experts and Senior Officials, which was held on 6 June 2011 in Lusaka, Zambia.

The report highlighted the deliberations of the Senior Officials in the following areas:

- (i) African AGOA Mid-Term Review Report of May 2011;
- (ii) Presentation by the Brookings Institution; (iii) Consideration of the AGOA core issues; (iv) Agenda for the 10th AGOA Forum;
- (v) Structure and coordination of AGOA issues; (v) Key recommendations; and (vi) Nomination of the next AGOA Chair.

7. We noted the key recommendations made by the Experts and Senior Officials including on the following issues:

- (i) The extension of AGOA; (ii) The Third Country Fabric provision of AGOA; (iii) Capacity building needs for African countries to be able to take advantage of AGOA; (iv) The need for relaxation of stringent rules of origin that make it difficult to export to the US;
- (v) The proposal for UNECA and AU to conduct a study on post - AGOA options; (vi) the importance of a joint monitoring and evaluation mechanism for AGOA between US and Africa; and (vi) the proposal for the next African country to host the AGOA Forum

8. We noted the many benefits that African countries have derived from AGOA including:

- (i) Increased trade with the US;
- (ii) Diversification of exports to the US;

(iii) job creation; (iv) new investments; (v) enhanced role of African women in trade with the US; and (vi) improvements in the engagement of the private sector and civil society in general in US and Africa trade relations.

9. After wide-ranging and exhaustive deliberations we agreed on the following recommendations:

- (i) AGOA member states to speak with one voice in urging the US to extend AGOA beyond 2015 and for the Third Country Fabric provision to run concurrently with AGOA after it expires in 2012;
- (ii) AGOA member States to urge the US to prioritise capacity building especially in infrastructure development, sanitary and phyto-sanitary laboratories, and private sector support to enable African countries take advantage of the market access AGOA offers;
- (iii) The US is urged to relax its restrictive rules of origin in order to promote diversification of exports into the US and also support regional integration through regional value chains; (iv) The US is urged to expand the AGOA products list in order to further help diversify non-oil exports; (v) The US is urged to take into consideration the risk of eroding the AGOA preference margins in its future preference schemes with other LDCs and developing countries; (vi) AGOA member States urged not to support the issue of graduation of some countries out of AGOA as this would lead to fragmentation that would be detrimental to Africa's regional integration; (vii) AGOA member States urged the US to consider a joint monitoring and evaluation mechanism of AGOA including the production of joint reports at the end of every AGOA Ministerial Forum; (viii) AGOA member States urged to contextualize AGOA in the international political economy including developments in international trade negotiations in all their discussions regarding AGOA;

ix) The African Union, in collaboration with UNECA and other relevant organizations, are requested to undertake a study on scenarios beyond AGOA;

x) The African Union Commission [AUC] is urged to formulate terms of reference that will guide the procedures during the African Ministerial Consultative Group meetings; and

xi) The AUC was requested to take the necessary steps to make a case through the relevant channels of the African Union for consideration of the AU Executive Council on the modalities for implementing the structure for coordinating AGOA issues.

10. We agreed on the offer by Ethiopia to host the next AGOA Forum in Africa in 2013 and also agreed to Cameroon's offer to host the Forum in 2015.

11. We thanked the Government and the People of Zambia for hosting the meeting and for their warm hospitality.

Done in Lusaka, Zambia on 10 June 2011

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