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# **PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR COMMENCEMENT OF TRADING UNDER THE AfCFTA**

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**Third Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the State Parties of the  
African Continental Free Trade Area  
Accra, Ghana, 20 November 2020**

**Draft Agenda**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
  - a. Welcome remarks by the Chairperson of the Council
  - b. Statement of the Representative of the UNDP
  - c. Statement of the Commissioner of Trade and Industry
  - d. Statement of the Secretary General of the AfCFTA
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Consideration of the Reports of the Third and Fourth Meetings of the Committee of Senior Trade Official
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5. Is of the AfCFTA
6. Presentation on the Africa Trade Exchange by the ECA
7. Preparations for the Extra-Ordinary Session of the Assembly on the AfCFTA and Silencing the Guns
8. Any Other Business
9. Date and Venue of Next Meeting
10. Closing of the Meeting

**Fourth Meeting of Senior Trade Officials of the African Continental Free  
Trade Area  
18 November 2020, Accra, Ghana**

**Draft Agenda**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
  - a. Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson
  - b. Statement of the Secretary General of the AfCFTA
  - c. Statement of the Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Ghana
2. Adoption of the Agenda and annotated agenda
3. Update on the Report of the Third Meeting of the Committee of STOs of the AfCFTA
4. Consideration of the Report of the Meeting of Directors-General/Heads of Customs Authorities
5. Any Other Business
6. Date and Venue of Next Meeting
7. Closing of the Meeting

**Draft Agenda for the Meeting of the Directors-General/  
Heads of Customs Authorities  
17 November 2020  
Accra, Ghana**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
  - a. Welcome Remarks by the Commissioner-General of Ghana Revenue Authority
  - b. Statement of the Secretary General of the AfCFTA
2. Election of the Bureau
3. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work
4. Consideration of the Report of the First Meeting of the Committee on Trade in Goods and Subcommittee on Trade Facilitation, Customs Cooperation and Transit
5. Any Other Business
6. Date and Venue of Next Meeting
7. Closing of the Meeting

**First Meeting of the Committee on Trade in Goods and the Subcommittee  
on Trade Facilitation, Customs Cooperation and Transit**  
**16 November 2020, Accra**

**Draft Agenda**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
  - a. Welcome by the Chairperson of the Meeting
  - b. Statement of the Secretary-General of the AfCFTA
  - c. Statement of the Acting Chief Director of the Ministry of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Ghana
2. Election of the Bureau
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work
4. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
5. Conclusion of Terms of Reference of the Committee on Trade in Goods
6. Consideration of the Draft Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee on Trade Facilitation, Customs Cooperation and Transit
7. Operationalization of the AfCFTA Customs Provisions
8. Preparedness of State Parties for Trading on 1 January, 2021
9. Options for starting of trading under the AfCFTA on 1 January 2021
10. Experience and good practices for readiness to start trading
11. Notification of competent/ designated authorities and enquiry points
12. Any other business
13. Date and venue of the next meeting
14. Adoption of the Report
15. Closing of the meeting