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**8th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF AU MINISTERS OF TRADE
21ST – 25TH OCTOBER 2013
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

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**DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME
MEETING OF MINISTERS OF TRADE
24th – 25th OCTOBER 2013**

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2013

Draft Work Programme

08:00 – 09:00	Registration of Delegates
09:00 – 10:00	Opening Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome Statement by Minister of Trade of Ethiopia- Statement by Mr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, UNECA- Statement by WTO Director-General- Statement by the Commissioner for Trade and Industry
10:00 – 10:30	TEA BREAK
10:30 - 10:45	Constitution of the Bureau
10:45 – 11:00	Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work
11:00 – 12:00	Interactive Session on strengthening South-South Trade Cooperation
12:00 – 13:00	Round Table Discussion on the implications of Bilateral Trade Agreements by Member States and RECs with External Partners on the Establishment of the CFTA and Regional Integration in Africa
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30 – 16:00	Presentation and Adoption of the Report of Trade Senior Officials (<i>Closed Session</i>)
16:00 – 16:30	TEA BREAK
16:30 – 18:00	Preparations for the 9 th WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali (<i>Closed Session</i>)

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END OF DAY 1

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2013
Draft Work Programme

09:00 – 10:00	Consideration of the Draft Declarations (<i>Closed Session</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Declaration on WTO Issues- Declaration on EPAs- Declaration on AGOA
10:00 – 10:30	Briefing on the African Union Agenda 2063
10:30 – 11:00	Launching of the Joint AUC/ECA/AfDB Publication on Assessing Regional Integration in Africa (ARIA VI)
11:00 – 11:30	Date and Venue of the 9 th Ordinary Session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Trade
11:30 – 12:00	TEA BREAK
12:00- 17:00	Preparation of the Report of Ministers by Secretariat
16:30- 17:00	TEA BREAK
17:00-17:30	Any Other Business
17:30-18:30	Adoption of the Report of the Ministers
18:30-18:45	Closing Ceremony

END OF DAY 2