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**International Collaborative Initiative for Trade and Employment  
(ICITE)**

**Trade, Jobs and Inclusive Development in Africa**

**ICITE 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Conference**

**Preliminary Agenda**

**22-23 September 2011**

Venue:

Ramada Plaza Hotel, Tunis (Gammarth), Tunisia

**Co-organised by:**

**African Development Bank  
and**

**Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**



## **Trade, Jobs and Inclusive Development in Africa**

### **ICITE 3rd Regional Conference**

#### **Overview**

Trade, jobs and inclusive development<sup>1</sup> have emerged as interrelated policy concerns for countries in the Africa region. This conference will provide a platform for presentation of cutting-edge, policy-related research on these issues as a basis for dialogue among stakeholders, including senior representatives from partner organisations in the ICITE consortium, national representatives, social partners and other experts. The conference will aim to take stock of what is known from the empirical research and policy experience with a view to highlighting a positive agenda going forward. The ICITE conference in Africa is designed to consider these issues taking into account the regional specificities.

Recent studies have confirmed the potential of trade liberalisation to deliver improved labour market outcomes, while also noting that realization of the full benefits of openness requires a coherent policy framework that facilitates structural adjustment and addresses labour market and social concerns. A joint report by OECD, ILO, World Bank and WTO, entitled *[Seizing the Benefits of Trade for Employment and Growth](#)*, noted that subject to such conditions there remains substantial potential for further liberalization of trade in goods and services to contribute to improved economic performance. Implementation of such an agenda requires consideration of regional and national specificities with respect to economic structure, institutions, factor endowments and other dimensions. This ICITE regional conference will provide an opportunity to consider these issues from a variety of perspectives.

#### **About ICITE**

The OECD-led [International Collaborative Initiative on Trade & Employment](#) (ICITE) is global a project bringing together 10 international organisations in an effort to deepen our understanding of the linkages between trade and jobs and to develop policy-relevant conclusions. ICITE has mobilised resources world-wide in an extensive programme of research and dialogue including dozens of papers and three regional conferences (in Asia, Latin America and Africa). Participating organisations include: ADB, AfDB, ECLAC, IADB, ILO, OAS, OECD, UNCTAD, World Bank and WTO.

#### **Timing**

- **Plenary session presentations are to be no longer than 15 minutes**
- **Discussant and policy round table presentations are to be no longer than 10 minutes**
- **On 23 September, the conference will end at 13:15.**
- **NB, an ICITE Steering Committee meeting (for ICITE partner representatives) will take place at the Ramada Plaza Hotel at 15:00 on 23 September.**

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<sup>1</sup> A substantial discussion of the definitional aspects of inclusive growth and development can be found here: <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTDEBTDEPT/Resources/468980-1218567884549/WhatIsInclusiveGrowth20081230.pdf> .

## **Trade, Jobs and Inclusive Development in Africa Preliminary Agenda**

### **22 September 2011, Day 1, 9:30 – 18:00**

- Registration

#### **1. Opening Remarks, 9:30 – 10:30**

- a. Désiré Vencatachellum, Director, Research Department African Development Bank (AfDB)
- b. Emerging Insights from ICITE (Douglas Lippoldt, OECD)

#### **Coffee Break, 10:30 – 11:00**

#### **2. Regional Perspectives (Macro View), 11:00-12:30**

Chairperson: Abebe Shimeles, AfDB

- a. Regional Integration and Employment in SADC (Mina Mashayekhi and Ralf Peters, UNCTAD)
- b. Regional Trade and Employment in ECOWAS (Erik von Uexkull, ILO )
- c. Regional Integration Policies to Support Job Creation for Africa's Burgeoning Youth Population (Kobena Hanson, African Capacity Building Foundation)

Discussion (Lead discussant: Calvin Maduna, AfDB)

#### **Lunch, 12:30 – 14:30**

#### **3. Trade and Labour Market Adjustment, cross 1, 14:30 – 16:00**

Chairperson: Douglas Lippoldt, OECD

- a. Trade, Jobs and Growth in Africa: An Empirical Investigation of the Export-Led Jobless Growth Hypothesis (Vinaye Dey Ancharaz, AfDB)
- b. Trade, employment and structural transformation (including data from Africa) (ILO-WTO presentation of material from *Making Globalization Socially Sustainable*, 2011; Marion Jansen, ILO)
- c. Services: Trade In Tasks - including Perspectives for Africa (Hildegunn Nordås, OECD)
- d. Agricultural Trade and Employment in Southern Africa (Ron Sandrey, Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa and consultant to OECD)

Discussion (Lead discussant: Rebecca Dillender, US Department of Labor)

#### **Coffee Break, 16:00 – 16:30**

#### **4. Labour Market Dynamics in North Africa, 16:30 – 18:00**

Chairperson: Mongi Boughzala, University of Tunis

##### a. Case studies (AfDB-ORNA/EDRE)

- The Challenge of Youth Unemployment in Tunisia: What Steps are Needed? (Gita Subrahmanyam, LSE)
- On Trade, Employment and Gender: Evidence from Egypt (Chahir Zaki, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris School of Economics; presented by Vinaye Dey Ancharaz, AfDB)

##### b. Effects of the end of the MFA and ATC on employment and poverty, lessons of potential relevance for Africa (Gladys Lopez-Acevedo, World Bank)

Discussion (Lead discussant: Jan Rielaender, OECD Development Centre)

### **23 September 2011, Day 2, 9:30 – 13:15**

#### **5. Trade, Employment, Gender: African Perspectives, 9:30 – 11:00**

Chairperson: Mina Mashayekhi, UNCTAD

Case studies (AfDB)

- a. Trade, Employment and Gender: Case Study of Mauritius (Baboo Nowbutsing, University of Mauritius)
- b. Trade, Employment and Gender: the Case of Uganda (Eria Hisali, Makerere University)
- c. Trade, Employment and Gender: Evidence from Senegal (Joseph François Cabral, Université Cheikh Anta Diop)
- d. Impact of the Crisis on the Textile and Clothing Sector in Morocco: What are the Employment Implications? (Mohammed Bensaid; presented by Marion Jansen, ILO)

Discussion (Lead discussant: Monika Sztajerowska, OECD)

#### **Coffee Break, 11:00 – 11:30**

#### **6. Policy Round Table: Policy Maker and Expert Perspectives, 11:30 – 12:45**

Moderator: Raed Safadi, OECD

- a. Marie Gad, Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD, Africa Chair
- b. James Isbister, AusAID, Pretoria
- c. Paul Kamau, KIPPRA, Nairobi
- d. Roland Schneider, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD

Discussion

#### **7. Conclusions, 12:45 – 13:15**

- a. Next Steps in ICITE (Douglas Lippoldt, OECD)
- b. Rapporteur's Comment (Craig VanGrasstek, Harvard University)
- c. Tunis Conference Wrap Up and Closing Statement (Vinaye Dey Ancharaz, AfDB)