



## CONCEPT NOTE

**Accelerating AfCFTA. Voices of youth, social enterprises and businesses**

**Africa Day Commemoration May 2023**

**24 May 2023**

The webinar programme will be as follows:

Date: **Wednesday 24 May 2023**

Time: 15:00 – 17:30 (SAST)

Facilitator: Mwanja Njango

Venue: Wits Origins PLUS ZOOM (livestreamed on Facebook)

Time	Description	Speaker
15:00 – 15:05	Opening and Welcome	MC
15:05 – 15:20	Poem performance - Kamala  Live performance – One African market, pan Africanism (song and dance) – Cultural group - Kamala	<b>Relebohile</b>  Performing artist group
15:20 – 15:40	Partners welcome speeches:  MINDS, - <b>Carine Seke/ Dr Nkosana Moyo</b>  SAYOF, - <b>Kamala Dickson</b>  APN, - <b>Dr Stigmata Tenga</b>  CAPSI WITS Business School – <b>Prof Mills Soko</b> and Prof Bhekinkosi Moyo	Partners
15:40 – 16:00	Unpacking AFCFTA for young people. What does it mean and what needs to be done. Background information; regional progress towards One Africa Market (Pan African)	Panel discussion  - Civil society rep - Migration sector (2

	<p>MINDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wamkele Mene (AU Secretary official AfCFTA) ???</li> <li>- Dr Memory Dube (African Development Bank)</li> <li>- Dr Ify Ogo (Regional coordinator/ AfCFTA secretariat)/</li> <li>- Ms Leila Ben Ali (Migration sector)</li> <li>- Ms Fatima Nzi (AUDA NEPAD)/Ms Bokang</li> <li>- Dr Nkosana Moyo (MINDS)</li> </ul>	<p>different countries) IOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International trade and industry</li> <li>- Trade between 2 diff countries</li> <li>- AU Afcfta representative</li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:30	<p>AFCFTA for businesses and infrastructure and social enterprises; ICT</p> <p>Ignite Talks</p> <p>Tarisai to discuss with MC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nandi Mkhwananzi (Founder of Nanloy organic farming/ entrepreneur)</li> <li>- Edith Njange (African Start -ups Kenya)</li> </ul>	APN
16:30 – 16:45	<p>Youth Parliamentarians debate (Sayof)</p> <p>3 parliamentarians (Tanzania, South Africa, Namibia)</p> <p>3 youth representatives</p> <p>Teams: Meaning/relevance of AfCFTA what's in it for Africa's youth?</p> <p>Arguments for and against to realise promise of the agreement</p>	Public debate

16:45 – 17:15	Open Q&A and engagement with audience	All
17:15 – 17:20	Vote of thanks	Prof Mills Soko/ Wits University rep
17:20 – 17:30	Conclusion, summary and way forward Closing performance and networking	AU youth envoy