

WTO Online Regional Trade Policy Course (eRTPC)
for English-Speaking African Members and Observers of the WTO

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Trade and Finance: Obstacles and Opportunities for Africa

Wednesday 18 August 2021 - 10:00 am to 12:15 pm (CEST)

Over the last two decades, multiple crises, from the financial, economic, and food crises of 2008-2009, to localized impacts of climate change, epidemics, and now the global COVID-19 pandemic, have left many countries in Africa in debt distress, with little fiscal space to cope or to finance the sustainable development goals (SDGs) post-COVID. Moreover, trade finance has been drying up for several low-income countries, and this trend has been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. That said, several initiatives are under way to improve access to trade finance in Africa particularly for MSMEs, women, and youth entrepreneurs.

This virtual roundtable discussion will look at the relationship between trade and finance and its pivotal role in Africa's economic development.

It will outline the initiatives aimed at strengthening the coherence of international trade and financial policies. The virtual roundtable will also discuss the current obstacles, trends, developments, and opportunities impacting access to trade finance in the African region. The virtual roundtable aims to share different perspectives from multilateral and regional intergovernmental organizations, and the private sector.

This virtual roundtable will mark the final substantive discussion of the Online Regional Trade Policy Course (eRTPC) for English-Speaking African Members and Observers of the WTO.



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REGISTRATION

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PROGRAMME

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