



**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF EVENTS DURING  
THE PERIOD OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE  
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION  
NIAMEY, NIGER**

*As of 5 July 2019*

**AU STATUTORY MEETINGS AND SIDE EVENTS**  
**From 17 June to 10 July 2019**

**AU STATUTORY MEETINGS**

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| <p>(1) THIRTY-EIGHTH (38<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE (PRC)</p> <p>➤ <i>17-18 June 2019: 09.00–13.00 hrs &amp; 15.00–18.00 hrs</i></p> <p>➤ <i>19 June 2019: 15.00-17.00 hrs - Adoption of the PRC Report</i></p>  | <p><b>17-18 June 2019</b><br/><b>Medium Conference Hall (AUCC)</b></p>                   |
| <p>(2) SIXTEENTH MEETING (16<sup>TH</sup>) OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA NEGOTIATING FORUM (AfCFTA-NF) – <b>DTI</b></p>   | <p><b>24-26 June 2019</b><br/><b>09.00 – 18.00 hrs</b><br/><b>Radisson Blu Hotel</b></p> |
| <p>(3) NINTH (9<sup>TH</sup>) MEETING OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA COMMITTEE OF SENIOR TRADE OFFICIALS (STO) – <b>DTI</b></p>  | <p><b>27-29 June 2019</b><br/><b>09.00 – 18.00 hrs</b><br/><b>Radisson Blu Hotel</b></p> |
| <p>(4) PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF FINANCE (F15 EXPERTS) TO CONSIDER THE AU 2020 BUDGET – <b>BDCP</b></p>  | <p><b>1 July 2019</b><br/><b>09.00 – 13.00 hrs</b><br/><b>Niamey, Niger</b></p>          |
| <p>(5) MEETING OF THE EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF FINANCE (F15) AND THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SCALE OF ASSESSMENT AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL TO CONSIDER THE REPORT ON MEMBER STATES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROVISIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW SANCTIONS REGIME – <b>BDCP</b></p> | <p><b>1 July 2019</b><br/><b>15.00 – 18.00 hrs</b><br/><b>Niamey, Niger</b></p>          |



- (6) NINTH (9<sup>TH</sup>) MEETING OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA AU MINISTERS OF TRADE (AMOT) – **DTI** **1-2 July 2019**  
*09.00 – 18.00 hrs*  
**Radisson Blu Hotel**
- (7) MEETING OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE (PRC) **3 July 2019**  
*12.00 – 14.00 hrs*  
**Plenary Hall,  
Palais des Congrès,  
Niamey, Niger**
- (8) ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF FINANCE TO CONSIDER THE AU 2020 BUDGET – **BDCP** **3 July 2019**  
*14.00 – 16.00 hrs*  
**Niamey, Niger**
- (9) MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF FINANCE (F15) AND THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SCALE OF ASSESSMENT TO CONSIDER REPORT ON MEMBER STATES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROVISIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW SANCTIONS REGIME – **BDCP** **3 July 2019**  
*16.00 – 18.00 hrs*  
**Niamey, Niger**
- (10) MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063 – **SPPMERM** **4 July 2019**  
*09.00*  
**Committee Room 1,  
Niamey, Niger**
- (11) MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF RATIFICATIONS OF AU TREATIES – **OLC** **4 July 2019**  
*14.00 – 17.00 hrs*  
**Committee Room 2,  
Niamey, Niger**
- (12) MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM – **DPA** **4 July 2019**  
*15.00 – 17.00 hrs*  
**Committee Room 3,  
Niamey, Niger**
- (13) THIRTY-FIFTH (35<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL **4-5 July 2019**  
**Plenary Hall,  
Palais des Congrès  
Niamey, Niger**
- *4 July 2019: 09.30 - 13.00 hrs & 15.00 - 18.00 hrs*
  - *4 July 2019: 19.30 – 21.30 hrs – Reception*
  - *5 July 2019: 09.00 - 13.00 hrs & 15.00 - 18.00 hrs and Adoption of the Executive Council Decisions*



- (14) MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN FIRST LADIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (OAFLAD) **4-8 July 2019**
- *4-5 July 2019: 08.00–17.30hrs: Technical Advisors (TA) Meeting (TBD)*
  - *4-5 July 2019: 10.30–11.00 hrs: TAs Tea Break*
  - *4-5 July 2019: 12.30–14.00 hrs: TAs Lunch*
  - *6 July 2019: 14.00–18.00 hrs: Steering Committee (SC) Meeting (TBD)*
  - *6 July 2019: 15.30-16.00 hrs: TAs Tea Break*
  - *7 July 2019: 10.30–12.30 hrs: OAFLAD General Assembly (Closed Session) (TBD)*
  - *7 July 2019: 19.00–20.30 hrs: Working Dinner and Workshop (TBD)*
  - *8 July 2019: 08.00–12.30 hrs: OAFLAD General Assembly (Open Session) (TBD)*
  - *8 July 2019: 10.30–11.00 hrs: Tea Break: OAFLAD Gen. Assembly (Open Session)*
  - *8 July 2019: 12.30 – 14.00 hrs: OAFLAD Lunch*
- (15) MEETING OF MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT – **OLC** **5 July 2019**  
*11.00 – 13.00hrs*  
**Committee Room 2, Niamey, Niger**
- (16) MEETING OF THE STATUTORY COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF THE AUC CHAIRPERSON AND THE CEOs OF RECs - **BCP** **6 July 2019**  
*11.00hrs*  
**Committee Room 2, Niamey, Niger**
- (17) MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF THE AU HIGH LEVEL AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON SOUTH SUDAN (C5) – **SOUTH AFRICA** **TBD**  
*TBD*  
**Niamey, Niger**
- (18) TWELFTH (12<sup>TH</sup>) EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION **7 July 2019**  
**Plenary Hall, Palais des Congrès, Niamey, Niger**
- (19) 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF AFRICA RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVE (AREI) BOARD OF DIRECTORS– **DIE** **7 July 2019**  
*17.00 – 18.00hrs*  
**Committee Room 1, Niamey, Niger**
- (20) MEETING OF THE TROIKA - **BCP** **8 July 2019**  
*09.00 hrs*  
**Committee Room 2,**

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**Niamey, Niger**

**(21) FIRST MID-YEAR COORDINATION MEETING OF  
THE AFRICAN UNION AND THE REGIONAL  
ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES (RECs)**

**8 July 2019  
Plenary Hall,  
Palais des Congrès,  
Niamey, Niger**



### SIDE EVENTS

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| (1) | ADVANCING GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT – <b>NIGER - WGDD - DSA</b>  | 1 – 2 July 2019<br>Niamey, Niger  |
|     | ➤ 1 July 2019: 09.00–16.15 hrs<br>➤ 2 July 2019: 09.00 – 15.45 hrs  |   |
| (2) | CONSULTATIVE MEETING RECs – ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN CENTRAL BANKS (AACB) – AUC – <b>DEA</b>  | 1- 2 July 2019<br>09.00 – 16.00 hrs<br><b>AUC CELHTO</b><br>Niamey, Niger |
| (3) | AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA) CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM – <b>DTI</b>   | 3 July 2019<br>09.00 – 17.00 hrs<br>Radisson Blu Hotel<br>Niamey, Niger   |
| (4) | CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF PAN-AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (AFTRAC) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AfCFTA – <b>DTI</b>                      | 3 July 2019<br>17.00 – 20.00 hrs<br>Radisson Blu Hotel<br>Niamey, Niger   |
| (5) | RECEPTION HOSTED BY H.E. MR. KALLA ANKOURAOU, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COOPERATION, AFRICAN INTEGRATION AND NIGERIENS ABROAD OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER | 4 July 2019<br>19.30 – 21.00 hrs<br>Radisson Blu Hotel<br>Niamey, Niger   |
| (6) | 2019 AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA) BUSINESS FORUM – <b>DTI</b>   | 6 July 2019<br>07.00 – 17.00 hrs<br>Radisson Blu Hotel<br>Niamey, Niger   |
| (7) | HIGH-LEVEL WORKING MEETING: MAXIMIZING ALL OPTIONS TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL ENERGY ACCESS BY 2030 – <b>TOGO</b>   | 6 July 2019<br>17.00 – 18.00 hrs<br>Niamey, Niger                         |
| (8) | DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. MAHAMADOU ISSOUFOU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER  | 6 July 2019<br>18.30 – 21.00 hrs<br>Niamey, Niger                         |

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### SIDE EVENTS SPONSORED BY NIGER

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| (1)  | LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE ACTIVITIES –<br><b>NIGER</b>  | 15 June 2019<br>Niamey, Niger                     |
| (2)  | ANIMATIONS IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES – <b>NIGER</b>   | 16 June - 08 July 2019<br>Niamey, Niger           |
| (3)  | “RAYONS D’AFRIQUE” FESTIVAL– <b>NIGER</b>   | 20 – 29 June 2019<br>Niamey, Niger                |
| (4)  | CHILDREN OF NIAMEY SING FOR AFRICA – <b>NIGER</b>   | 27 June 2019<br>Niamey, Niger                     |
| (5)  | EXHIBITION AND SALE - TREASURES OF NIGER –<br><b>NIGER</b>  | 28 June – 27 October<br>2019<br>Niamey, Niger     |
| (6)  | EXHIBITION AND SALE OF ARTISANAL AND FOOD<br>PRODUCTS – MINI SAFEM – <b>NIGER</b>   | 28 June – 07 July 2019<br>Niamey, Niger           |
| (7)  | PRE-SUMMIT CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE<br>INTEGRATION OF THE GENDER DIMENSION IN<br>THE AFRICAN UNION – GENDER IS MY AGENDA<br>(GIMAC) – <b>NIGER</b> | 29 - 30 June 2019<br>Niamey, Niger                |
| (8)  | SIMULATION OF AFRICAN UNION DIPLOMATIC<br>DEBATE, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, PLENARY<br>SESSIONS – MAU – <b>NIGER</b>                                       | 30 June - 02 July 2019<br>Niamey, Niger           |
| (9)  | TRADITIONAL FASHION GALA – TANDA 2000 –<br><b>NIGER</b>   | 30 June 2019<br>Niamey, Niger                     |
| (10) | EXHIBITION AND SALE OF PRODUCTS AND<br>SERVICES OF NIGER – ONE WEEK TO MEET<br>AFRICA – <b>NIGER</b>  | 1 – 7 July 2019<br>Niamey, Niger                  |
| (11) | COMEDY SHOW “PARLEMENT DU RIRE” – <b>NIGER</b>  | 2 July 2019<br>Niamey, Niger                      |
| (12) | FRENCH-SPEAKING CIVIL SOCIETY MEETING TO<br>ADVOCATE FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV-AIDS<br>AND TUBERCULOSIS – CS4ME – <b>NIGER</b>                        | 2 July 2019<br>09.00 – 17.00 hrs<br>Niamey, Niger |



- (13) INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AFRICAN FASHION – FIMA – **NIGER** 4 – 5 July 2019  
Niamey, Niger
- (14) INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (I4Dev) – ANSI – **NIGER** 4 – 10 July 2019  
Niamey, Niger
- 4-6 July 2019: *Technologies for Development*  
 ➤ 9-10 July 2019: *High level Conferences and Debates*
- (15) EXCHANGE PANEL ON URBAN RENEWAL – NIAMEY NYALA – **NIGER** 5 July 2019  
09.00 – 11.30 hrs  
Niamey, Niger
- (16) SYMPOSIUM ON CANCER IN AFRICA – EXPERTS’ MEETING – **NIGER** 5 July 2019  
09.00 – 15.00 hrs  
Niamey, Niger
- (17) SYMPOSIUM ON CANCER IN AFRICA – HIGH-LEVEL PANEL – **NIGER** 6 July 2019  
16.00 – 18.00 hrs  
Niamey, Niger
- (18) FORUM ON THE INITIATIVE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF MALARIA IN THE SAHEL 5 July 2019  
15.00 – 17.00 hrs  
Niamey, Niger
- (19) MEETING OF ECOWAS FIRST LADIES FOR COMBATTING EARLY MARRIAGES AND PROMOTING GIRLS’ EDUCATION – EXPERTS’ MEETING – **NIGER** 6 July 2019  
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Niamey, Niger
- (20) GALA DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. DR. LALLA MALIKA ISSOUFOU, FIRST LADY OF NIGER 6 July 2019  
19.00 – 21.00 hrs  
Niamey, Niger
- (21) MEETING OF ECOWAS FIRST LADIES FOR COMBATTING EARLY MARRIAGES AND PROMOTING GIRLS’ EDUCATION – HIGH LEVEL PANEL – **NIGER** 7 July 2019  
16.00 – 18.00 hrs  
Niamey, Niger
- (22) HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE CONTROL OF NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES 7 July 2019  
16.00 – 18.00 hrs  
Niamey, Niger



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| (23) | HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF NIGER AND HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF RAILA ODINGA, WITH 8 PARTICIPANTS HEADS OF STATE – <b>NIGER</b> | <b>7 July 2019</b><br><i>18.00 – 19.30hrs</i><br><b>Niamey, Niger</b>  |
| (24) | HIGH-LEVEL MEETING AU-UNICEF – <b>NIGER</b>   | <b>7 July 2019</b><br><i>To be confirmed</i><br><b>Niamey, Niger</b>   |
| (25) | LUNCH OFFERED BY AFREXIMBANK ABOUT ILLEGAL MIGRATION – <b>AU/NIGER</b>  | <b>7 July 2019</b><br><b>13.00 – 15.00hrs</b><br><b>Niamey, Niger</b>  |
| (26) | CONCERT OF YOUSSEU N'DOUR – <b>NIGER</b>  | <b>7 July 2019</b><br><b>Niamey, Niger</b>                             |
| (27) | CONFERENCE: YOUTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE – <b>ARDN – NIGER</b>  | <b>7 – 8 July 2019</b><br><b>Niamey, Niger</b>                         |
| (28) | AFRICAN FORUM ON PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES  | <b>8 July 2019</b><br><i>10.00 – 12.00 hrs</i><br><b>Niamey, Niger</b> |

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## STATUTORY MEETINGS



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**STATUTORY MEETINGS**

(1)

**THIRTY- EIGHTH (38<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE (PRC)  
17-18 JUNE 2019**

**Venue: Medium Conference Hall, AUCC**

**17 June 2019**

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| 09.00 – 10:30 hrs. | : | <b>Opening Ceremony</b><br>- Opening Remarks by the Chairperson of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC)<br>- Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson of the Commission<br>- Group Photo for Ambassadors, PRC Members together with Members of the Commission |
| 10:30 – 13:00 hrs. | : | Closed Session  |
| 13:00 – 15:00 hrs. | : | Lunch Break   |
| 15:00 – 18:00 hrs. | : | Closed Session  |

**18 June 2019**

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| 09:00 – 13:00 hrs. | : | Closed Session |
| 13:00 – 15:00 hrs. | : | Lunch Break    |
| 15:00 – 18:00 hrs. | : | Closed Session |

**19 June 2019**

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| 15:00 - 17:00 hrs. | : | Adoption of the Report of the PRC |
|                    | : | Closing                           |



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**STATUTORY MEETINGS**

(2)

**SIXTEENTH MEETING (16TH) OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE  
AREA NEGOTIATING FORUM (AfCFTA-NF)  
24 - 26 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**24 - 26 June 2019**

09.00 – 18.00 hrs. Sixteenth Meeting (16th) of the African Continental  
Free Trade Area Negotiating Forum (AfCFTA-NF)

***NB: Final programme to be circulated by the DTI***



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(3)

**NINTH (9<sup>TH</sup>) MEETING OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA  
COMMITTEE OF SENIOR TRADE OFFICIALS (STO)**  
**27 - 29 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**27 - 29 June 2019**

09.00 – 18.00 hrs.

Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Meeting of the African Continental Free  
Trade Area Committee of Senior Trade Officials (STO)

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(4)

**PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN  
MINISTERS OF FINANCE (F15 EXPERTS) TO CONSIDER THE AU 2020 BUDGET  
1 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**1 July 2019**

09.00 – 13.00 hrs.

Preparatory Meeting of the Experts of the Committee of Fifteen Ministers of Finance (F15 Experts) to Consider the AU 2020 Budget

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(5)

**MEETING OF THE EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF  
FINANCE (F15) AND THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SCALE OF ASSESSMENT  
AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL TO CONSIDER THE REPORT ON MEMBER STATES  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROVISIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW  
SANCTIONS REGIME  
1 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**1 July 2019**

15.00 – 18.00 hrs.

Meeting of F15 Experts and the Ministerial Committee on  
Scale of Assessment at Ambassadorial Level

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(6)

**NINTH (9<sup>TH</sup>) MEETING OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA AU  
MINISTERS OF TRADE (AMOT)  
1-2 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**1 - 2 July 2019**

09.00 – 18.00 hrs.

Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Meeting of the African Continental Free Trade  
Area AU Ministers of Trade (AMOT)

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(7)

**MEETING OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE (PRC)**  
**3 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Plenary Hall, Palais des Congrès, Niamey, Niger**

**3 July 2019**

19.00 hrs.

Meeting of the PRC



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(8)

**ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF  
FINANCE TO CONSIDER THE AU 2020 BUDGET**  
**3 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**3 July 2019**

14.00 – 16.00 hrs. Annual Budget Meeting of the Committee of Fifteen  
Ministers of Finance to Consider the AU 2020 Budget.

***NB: Final programme to be circulated by the BDCP***



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(9)

**MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF FINANCE (F15) AND  
THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SCALE OF ASSESSMENT TO CONSIDER  
REPORT ON MEMBER STATES' CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROVISIONS FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW SANCTIONS REGIME  
3 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**3 July 2019**

16.00 – 18.00 hrs.

Meeting of F15 and the Ministerial Committee on Scale of  
Assessment

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(10)

**MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE ON THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063  
4 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Committee Room 1, Niamey, Niger**

**4 July 2019**

09.00 hrs.

Meeting of the Ministerial Follow-Up Committee on the  
Implementation of Agenda 2063

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(11)

**MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF RATIFICATIONS OF  
AU TREATIES  
4 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Committee Room 2, Niamey, Niger**

**4 July 2019**

14.00 – 17.00 hrs.

Ministerial Committee on the Challenges of Ratifications of  
AU Treaties

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(12)

**MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATURES IN THE  
INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM  
4 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Committee Room 3, Niamey, Niger**

**4 July 2019**

15.00 – 17.00 hrs.

Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures in the  
International System

***NB: Final programme to be circulated by the DPA***

The members of the Committee are:

- Republic of Angola
- Burkina Faso
- Republic of Congo
- Republic of Djibouti
- Republic of Gabon
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of Equatorial Guinea
- Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- Republic of Kenya
- Republic of Malawi
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of Sierra Leone
- Republic of Sudan
- Republic of Tunisia
- Republic of Zimbabwe



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(13)

**THIRTY-FIFTH (35<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**4-5 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Plenary Hall, Palais des Congrès, Niamey, Niger**

**4 July 2019**

09.30 – 10.00 hrs.

**Opening Ceremony**

- Opening Remarks by the Chairperson of the Executive Council **(5 minutes)**
- Welcome Remarks by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Nigeriens Abroad of the Republic of Niger **(5 minutes)**
- Statement by the Chairperson of the AU Commission **(5 minutes)**
- Statement by the Executive Secretary of UNECA **(5 minutes)**
- Opening Statement by the Chairperson of the Executive Council **(5 minutes)**
- Group Photo for Ministers, together with Members of the Commission **(10 minutes)**

**Closed Session**

10.00 - 10.10 hrs.

Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

10.10 - 13.00 hrs.

Working Session

13.00 – 15.00 hrs.

Lunch **(Radisson Blu)**

15.00 – 18.00 hrs.

Working Session



19.30 - 21.30 hrs. Reception Hosted by H.E. Mr. Kalla Ankouraou, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Nigeriens Abroad of the Republic of Niger (*Radisson Blu*)

### 5 July 2019

09.00 - 13.00 hrs. Working Session

13.00 – 15.00 hrs. Lunch Break

15.00 – 18.00 hrs. - Adoption of the Decisions of the 35<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council  
- Any Other Business  
- Closing Ceremony



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(14)

**MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN  
FIRST LADIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (OAFLAD)  
4-8 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**4 – 8 July 2019                      Meetings of the OAFLAD**

08.30 – 10.30 hrs.	Session
10.30 – 11.00 hrs.	Tea Break
11.00 – 12.30 hrs.	Session
12.30 – 14.00 hrs.	Lunch Break
14.00 – 17.30 hrs.	Session

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**STATUTORY MEETINGS**

(15)

**MEETING OF MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE INTERNATIONAL  
CRIMINAL COURT  
5 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Committee Room 2, Niamey, Niger**

**5 July 2019**

**11.00 – 13.00 hrs** Meeting of Ministerial Committee on the International Criminal Court

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**STATUTORY MEETINGS**

(16)

**MEETING OF THE STATUTORY COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF THE AUC  
CHAIRPERSON AND THE CEOs OF RECs  
6 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Committee Room 2, Niamey, Niger**

**6 July 2019**

**11.00 hrs**

Meeting of the Statutory Coordination Committee of the AUC Chairperson and the CEOs of RECs

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(17)

**MEETING OF THE MINISTERS AND HEADS OF STATE OF THE AU HIGH-LEVEL  
AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON SOUTH SUDAN (C5)**  
**----- JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**TBD**

Meeting of the Ministers and Heads of State of the AU High-Level *Ad-Hoc*  
Committee on South Sudan (C5)

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**STATUTORY MEETINGS**

(18)

**TWELFTH (12<sup>TH</sup>) EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE  
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION  
7 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Plenary Hall, Palais des Congrès, Niamey, Niger**

**10.00 – 10.30 hrs**      Signing and depositing of the Legal Instruments of Ratification of the AfCFTA

**10.30 – 11.00 hrs**      Arrival of the African Union Heads of State and Government

**OPEN SESSION**

**11.00 – 11.30 hrs**      **OPENING CEREMONY**

- Inauguration by H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the African Union
- AU Anthem
- Welcome Remarks by H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of Niger
- Opening Remarks by:
  - H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (**5 Minutes**)
  - H.E. Roberto Azevêdo, Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) (**5 Minutes**)



- H.E Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations **(5 Minutes)**
- H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the African Union **(5 Minutes)**

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11.30 – 13.00 hrs

### CLOSED SESSION (*Salle présidentielle*)

- Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Work Programme
- Presentation and submission of the Report by H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of Niger and Leader on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
- Discussions

13.00 – 14.00 hrs

### LUNCH

14.00 – 16.00 hrs

### BREAK

16.00 – 17.00 hrs

### CLOSED SESSION (*Salle présidentielle*)

- Statements by the Chairpersons of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
  - H.E. Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad and Chairperson of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) **(5 Minutes)**
  - H.E. Andry Rajoelina, President of the Republic of Madagascar and Chairperson of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) **(5 Minutes)**
  - H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda and Chairperson of the East African Community (EAC) **(5 Minutes)**
  - H.E. Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Gabonese Republic and Chairperson of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) **(5 Minutes)**
  - H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of Niger and



Chairperson of the Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS) **(5 Minutes)**

- H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the Inter-Government Authority for Development (IGAD) **(5 Minutes)**
- H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia and Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) **(5 Minutes)**
- H.E. Fayez Mustafa al-Sarraj, Chairman of the Presidential Council of Libya and Prime Minister of Libya and Chairperson of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA) **(5 Minutes)**
- Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Decisions and Draft Declaration of the 12<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union
- Vote of Thanks by a Representative of the Private Sector

**17.00 – 17.30 hrs**

**OPEN SESSION**

- Launch of the Operational Instruments of the AfCFTA
  - Launch of the AfCFTA Rules of Origin by H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the African Union
  - Launch of the Tariff Concession Portals by H.E Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda and Immediate Past Chairperson of the African Union and H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and Incoming Chairperson of the African Union
  - Launch of the Portal on Monitoring and Elimination of Non-Tariff Barriers by H.E. President Issoufou Mahamadou, President of the Republic of Niger and Leader on the African Continental Free Trade Area, and Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
  - Launch of the Digital Payments System by H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of



the African Union and Professor Benedict Okey Oramah, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the African Export–Import Bank (AFREXIMBANK)

- Launch of the African Trade Observatory Dashboard by H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Dr. Arancha Gonzalez, Executive Director, International Trade Center, and H.E. Neven Minica, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development
- Roll Call of Honour of the African Union Member States that have signed and ratified the Agreement Establishing the AfCFTA
- Launch of the Operational Phase of the AfCFTA through unveiling of the Commemoration Plaque by:
  - H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Chairperson of the African Union
  - H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of Niger and Leader on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
  - H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission
  - H.E. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General of the WTO
- Closing Statement by H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the African Union

**17.30 – 18.00 hrs**

**PRESS BRIEFING BY H.E. MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION, H.E. MAHAMADOU ISSOUFOU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER AND H.E. ABDEL FATTAH EL-SISI, PRESIDENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION (*Open for the Media*)**



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(19)

**8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF AFRICA RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVE (AREI)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
7 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Committee Room 1, Niamey, Niger**

**7 July 2019**

17.00 – 18.00 hrs. : 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of AREI Board of Directors

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**STATUTORY MEETINGS**

(20)

**MEETING OF THE TROIKA  
8 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Committee Room 2, Niamey, Niger**

**8 July 2019**

09.00 hrs : Meeting of the Troika

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(21)

**FIRST MID-YEAR COORDINATION MEETING OF THE AFRICAN UNION AND  
THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES (RECs)  
8 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Plenary Hall, Palais des Congrès, Niamey, Niger**

**09.00 – 09.30 hrs.** - Arrival of Heads of State and Government, and Delegations

**OPEN SESSION**

**09.30 – 10.00 hrs**

**OPENING SESSION**

- Opening of Proceedings by H.E. Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the African Union
- Opening Remarks by H.E. President Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of Niger and host country (**10 minutes**)
- Opening Remarks by H.E. Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the African Union (**10 minutes**)

**10.00 – 10.15 hrs**

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10.15 – 13.00 hrs	<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>
10.15 – 10.25 hrs.	Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agenda
10.25 – 10.35 hrs	Presentation by H.E. Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda in H.E. capacity as the AU Leader on Political Integration <b>(10 minutes)</b>
10.35 – 10.45 hrs.	Presentation by H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda in H.E. capacity as the AU Leader on Institutional Reforms <b>(10 minutes)</b>
10.45 – 10.55 hrs.	Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Rules of Procedures
10.55 – 11.05 hrs.	Presentation by H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission on the Report on the Status of Regional Integration in Africa in line with the Abuja Treaty
11.05 – 11.45 hrs.	Regional Perspectives by RECs on the Status of Regional Integration in Africa by the Chairpersons of the RECs <b>(5 minutes for each REC)</b>
11.45 – 11.55 hrs.	Presentation by Prof. Pierre Moukoko Mbonjo, Head of the Reform Implementation Unit on the Proposals of Effective Division of Labour and between Member States, RECs and the AU, as well as the Draft Amended Protocol on the Relations between the AU and RECs <b>(10 minutes)</b>
11.55 – 12.25 hrs.	General Discussion <b>(3 minutes for each intervention)</b>
12.25 – 13.00 hrs.	Consideration and Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations (Draft Niamey Declaration)
13.00 – 13.10 hrs.	Closing Remarks by H.E. Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the African Union
13.20 – 13.40 hrs	Press Conference by H.E. Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the African Union, and H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission

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**SIDE EVENTS**

(1)

**ADVANCING GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**  
**1 – 2 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**1 July 2019**

09.00 – 16.15 hrs Advancing Girls' and Women's Empowerment

**2 July 2019**

09.00 – 15.45 hrs Advancing Girls' and Women's Empowerment

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(2)

**CONSULTATIVE MEETING RECs – ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN CENTRAL BANKS  
(AACB) – AUC  
1-2 JULY 2019**

**Venue: AUC CELHTO, Niamey, Niger**

**1-2 July 2019**

09.00 – 16.00 hrs. Consultative Meeting RECs – AACB – AUC

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(3)

**AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA) CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM**  
**3 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Niamey, Niger**

	ACTIVITY	TIME	RESPONSIBILITY
	Registration	08h00 - 08h30	Participants to the Forum
<b>OPENING SESSION</b>			
1	Opening Ceremony	08h30 - 09h00	<b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Abozer Elmana Elligai, Presiding Officer of the African Union Economic, Cultural and Social Council (ECOSOCC)</li> <li>• H.E. Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki, Chairperson of the AU Commission (Memo Brian)</li> <li>• H.E. President Issoufou Mahamadou, President of the Republic of Niger, Champion of the AfCFTA.</li> </ul>
<b>MORNING SESSION</b>			
2	Plenary Session: <i>Update on the AfCFTA – Opportunities and Challenges</i>	09h00 – 09h45	<b>Keynote Presentation:</b> <i>Update on the AfCFTA – Opportunities and Challenges:</i> H.E. Ambassador Albert M. Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Trade and Industry  There will be an open exchange with participants



3	<p><b>Panel Session 1:</b> <i>Bringing the AfCFTA closer to the African People</i></p>	09h45 – 10h45	<p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms.Jane Nalunga, Country Director, SEATINI, Uganda</li> <li>• Mr. Appiah Kusi Adomako, Centre Coordinator, CUTS International, Ghana</li> <li>• Ms. Aya Chebbi, African Union Youth Envoy</li> <li>• Dr. Ibrahima Kane, Senior Programme Adviser, Africa Regional Office, OSIWA, Senegal</li> <li>• Mr. Isaac Hubert Arthur, Africa Centre for International Trade and Development, Ghana</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Sylvester Bagooro, Third World Network, Ghana</li> </ul>
<b>10h45 - 11h00: GROUP PHOTO and COFFEE/TEA/HEALTH INTERVAL</b>			
4	<p><b>Panel Session 2:</b> <i>Promoting Inclusive Trade Across Africa: The Role of Women Entrepreneurs</i></p>	11h00 – 12h00	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Nancy Gitonga, Regional Coordinator, FEMNET/EAWIBP, Kenya</li> <li>• Mrs. Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre (TRALAC), South Africa</li> <li>• Dr. Fatmata Sesay, Regional Policy Advisor, UN Women, Kenya</li> <li>• Dr. Johnson Bosco Rukundo, Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Rwanda</li> <li>• Ms. Mekia Mohammed Redi, Senior Gender Mainstreaming, COMESA Secretariat, Zambia</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Heema M.D. Dawoonauth, ContractInaBox, Mauritius</li> </ul> <p>During this Panel Session the <b>Study on Opportunities in the AfCFTA for Women Entrepreneurs</b> (UN Women/AUC) will be launched by Dr. Izeduwa Derex-Briggs, Regional Director, UN Women, Regional Office for East and Southern</p>



			Africa and H.E. Ambassador Albert M. Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Trade and Industry
5	<b>Panel Session 3:</b> <i>Role of Civil Society in educating the African citizen to consume 'Made in Africa' products:</i>	12h00 -13h00	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Tando Songwevu, Founder /Heritage Ambassador, EMBO Africa; South Africa</li> <li>• Anne-Marie Yao, Fairtrade Africa, Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>• Vuyelwa Nyakaza , Founder and Managing Director of Sukume Consulting</li> <li>• Dr. Carl Oshodi , iInnovate Africa StartUp Hub (iASH) Chairman and Co-Founder</li> <li>• Mr. K. Gathige Maina, Youth Motion, Kenya</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma, Chair H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation</li> </ul>
<b>13:00hrs – 14:00hrs : NETWORKING LUNCH</b>			
<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>			
6	<b>Panel Session 4:</b> <i>Perspectives on migration on the African continent to support the AfCFTA</i>	14h00 – 15h00	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Almaz Negash, Founder and Executive Director of the African Diaspora Network, Member HLPM, Eritrea</li> <li>• Dr.Tapiwa Mashakada, Chairperson, Committee on Trade, Customs and Migration, Pan African Parliament, South Africa</li> <li>• Ms. Maureen Achieng, Chief of Mission, IOM Ethiopia, Representative to the AU, UNECA &amp; IGAD.</li> <li>• Dr. Khabele Matlosa, Director Political Affairs, African Union Commission</li> <li>• Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Youth Envoy</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. William Carew, Regional Desk Officer</li> </ul> <p>Launch of the <b>High Level Panel on Migration (HLPM) Report: H.E. Dr. Vera Songwe</b>, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic</p>



			Commission for Africa
7	<b>Panel Session 5:</b> <i>Role of Civil Society in mobilization of financial resources to implement AfCFTA programmes at community, national and, regional levels</i>	<b>15h00 – 16h00</b>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Segun Aina, Africa Fintech Network, Nigeria</li> <li>• Mrs. Pauline Mbayah, African Enterprise Challenge Fund, Kenya</li> <li>• Ms. Tiekie Barnard, Shared Value Africa Initiative, Kenya</li> <li>• Mr. Garret Bloor, Glenheim Venture Capital, South Africa</li> <li>• Mr. Sebastian Spio-Garbrah, Chairman of the Board of The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business, Ghana</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Cheikh Tidiane Dieye, Director Enda CaCiD, Senegal</li> </ul>
<b>16h00 – 16h15: COFFEE/TEA/HEALTH INTERVAL</b>			
8	<b>Wrap Up Session:</b>	<b>16h15 – 17h00</b>	Summary of the key messages arising from the AfCFTA Civil Society Forum: H. E. Commissioner Albert M Muchanga, Trade and Industry Commissioner, AUC
<b>CLOSING SESSION</b>			
9	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>	<b>17h00 – 17h30</b>	<p>Vote of Thanks: Representative of Civil Society Organisation</p> <p>Closing Statement: Minister responsible for Civil Society issues in Niger</p>
10	<b>Networking Cocktail</b>	<b>18h00 – 19h30</b>	Hosted by Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDa)
11	<b>PAFTRAC Side Event</b>		

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**CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF PAN AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR TRADE AND  
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (AFTRAC) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AfCFTA  
3 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Niamey, Niger**

**3 July 2019**

17.00 – 20.00 hrs.

Consultative Meeting of Pan-African Private Sector Trade and  
Investment Committee (AFTRAC) for Implementation of the  
AfCFTA

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(5)

**RECEPTION HOSTED BY H.E. MR. KALLA ANKOURAOU, MINISTER OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS, COOPERATION, AFRICAN INTEGRATION AND NIGERIENS ABROAD OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER**  
**4 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**4 July 2019**

19.30 – 21.00 hrs.

Reception Hosted by H.E. Mr. Kalla Ankouraou, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Nigeriens Abroad of the Republic of Niger



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(6)

**2019 AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA) BUSINESS FORUM  
6 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Niamey, Niger**

<b>WORKING BREAKFAST</b>			
	<b>TIME</b>	<b>Event</b>	
1	07:00 - 08:30 HRS	<b>WORKING BREAKFAST BY AFROCHAMPIONS (BY INVITATION)</b>	
<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>			
2	09:00 - 09:10 HRS	Address	<b>Prof. Dr. Benedict O. Oramah</b> , President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Afreximbank
4	09:10 - 09:20 HRS	Address	<b>H.E. Dr Moussa Faki Mahamat</b> , Chairperson of the African Union Commission
5	09:20 - 09:35 HRS	Official Opening Address	<b>H.E. Issoufou Mahamadou</b> , President of the Republic of Niger and Leader of the AfCFTA
6	09:35 - 10:00 HRS	<b>LAUNCH OF ASSESSING REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN AFRICA (ARIA) IX REPORT (AfDB, AUC, UNCTAD and UNECA)</b>	
7	10:00 - 10:15 HRS	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
8	10:15 - 11:30 HRS	<b>PANEL SESSION ONE:</b>  <b>THE IMPERATIVE OF BUSINESS TO SCALE UP OPERATIONS TO EXPLOIT OPPORTUNITIES OF A LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE GROWING AfCFTA MARKET</b>  <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya</li> <li>• H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal</li> </ul>	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Nana Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana</li> <li>• H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa</li> <li>• H.E. Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of UNECA</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Elzbieta Bienkowska, European Commissioner for Internal Market</li> <li>• Mr. Tony Elumelu, Founder, Tony Elumelu Foundation</li> </ul>
9	11:30 - 12:30 HRS	<p><b>PANEL SESSION TWO:</b></p> <p><b>MOBILIZING BUSINESS TO PROMOTE MARKET CONSOLIDATION IN THE AfCFTA: PERSPECTIVES FROM AFRO-CHAMPIONS, PAN-AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (PAFTRAC) AND PAN-AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (PACCI)</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Samba Bathily, CEO and Founder of ADS Group</li> <li>• Mr. Walid Loukil, Director General Adjoint, Group Loukil</li> <li>• Mrs. Monica Musonda, CEO and Founder of JAVA Food</li> <li>• Mr. Kayode San, Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PACCI), Ethiopia</li> <li>• Dr Amani Asfour, Pan-African Private Sector Trade Policy Committee, Egypt</li> <li>• Dr Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General, UNCTAD</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Ali Mufuruki; Founder of Infotech Investment Group, Nigeria</li> </ul>
10	12:30 -13:15 HRS	<p><b>PANEL SESSION 3:</b></p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENT OF THE PAN- AFRICAN FASHION INDUSTRY</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mrs. Rakiya Eddarhem, Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy of Morocco and Chairperson of STC-TIM</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General, UNCTAD</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General, WIPO</li> <li>• Mr. Sidahmed Seidnaly Alphadi, Fashion Designer and Founding President of the International Festival of African Fashion</li> </ul>



		<p>– FIMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Samuel Mensah</b>, Founder of Kisua</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Frannie Lautier</b>, Chief Operating Officer, Trade and Development Bank</li> <li>• <b>Mrs. Mariam Camara</b>, Founder and Creative Designer, Mariama Fashion Production, Guinea</li> </ul>
11	13:15 - 14:15 HRS	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH AND LAUNCH OF THE IATF 2020 (Prof. Benedict Oramah, Ambassador Albert M Muchanga, Minister of Trade – Rwanda)</b>
12	14:15 - 15:00 HRS	<p><b>PANEL SESSION 4:</b></p> <p><b>PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT OF THE AUTO VALUE CHAIN IN THE AfCFTA MARKET</b></p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Thomas Schaefer</b>, Chairman and Managing Director and Head of Southern Africa, VW Group South Africa</li> <li>• <b>Hon. Dr Stefanie Hinz, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Baden Wittenberg, Germany</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Alec Erwin</b>, Auto Consultant (South Africa)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Hermogene Nsengimana</b>, ARSO Secretary –General</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Li Yong</b>, Director General, UNIDO</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Thomas Wu</b>, Senior Advisor &amp; Partner, Falcon Group</li> <li>• <b>Mrs. Kanayo Awani</b>, Managing Director, Intra-African Trade Initiative, Afreximbank</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Bassim Loukil</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Loukil Group</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Mehdi TAZI RIFFI</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Tanger Med Special Agency</li> </ul>
13	15.00 – 16.00 HRS	<p><b>PANEL SESSION 5: PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMEs AND START-UPS IN THE AfCFTA MARKET WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON WOMEN AND YOUTH</b></p> <p><b>PANELISTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Prof. Agbor Sarah Mbi Enow Anyang</b>, AU Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Arancha Gonzalez</b>, Executive Director, International Trade Centre</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Muluaem Syoum</b>, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors, African eCommerce Development International</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Tiguidanke Camara</b>, Chairman and CEO, Tigui Mining Group (TMG) and Camara Diamond &amp; Gold Trading Network (CDGTN), Guinea</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Mara Zhanet Michelo</b>, Founder and Zambia Country Director- Jacaranda Hub</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Rebecca Enonchong</b>, Founder and CEO, AppsTech/</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Eston Kimani</b>, Lead Founder, Ideas Come To Life</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Edward Njoroge</b>, Chairman of Telkom Kenya and ISO President-Elect</li> <li>- <b>EIF Representative</b></li> </ul>
14	16:00 - 17:00	<p><b>PANEL SESSION 6:</b></p> <p><b>PROMOTION OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT AND MOBILIZATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO EXPAND BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE AfCFTA MARKET</b></p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Benedict O. Oramah</b>, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of AfreximBank</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Akinwumi Adesina</b>, President of African Development Bank</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Werner Hoyer</b>, President of European Investment Bank</li> <li>• <b>Binta Toure Ndoye</b>, CEO, OraBank Group</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Bashir Mamman Ifo</b>, President of ECOWAS Bank</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Admassu Yilma Tadesse</b>, President and CEO of the Trade and Development Bank,</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Ngozi Egbuna</b>, Director General of the West African Monetary Institute,</li> <li>• <b>Mr Heba Selam</b> , Regional Investment Agency, COMESA</li> <li>• <b>Representative of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation</b></li> </ul>



15	17:00 –17:15 HRS	<b>LAUNCH OF SMART CONTAINER BY PAN-AFRICAN MOVEMENT</b>	
16	17:15 –17.30 HRS	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
<b>WRAP UP SESSION AND CLOSURE</b>			
16	17:30 -17:35	Summary of the key messages arising from the AfCFTA Business Summit	H. E. Albert. M. Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Trade and Industry
17	17:35 - 17:45	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Kebour Ghenna, CEO PACCI
	17:45 - 18:00	Closing Statement by Minister of Trade and Private Sector Promotion, Niger	M. Sadou Seydou, Minister of Trade and Private Sector Promotion, Republic of Niger
<b>NETWORKING RECEPTION</b>			
	18:00 - 20:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstration of the Digital Payments and Clearing System and the MANSA Platform (<i>Afreximbank</i>)</li> <li>• Reception</li> </ul>

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**HIGH LEVEL WORKING MEETING: MAXIMIZING ALL OPTIONS TO ACHIEVE  
UNIVERSAL ENERGY ACCESS BY 2030  
6 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**6 July 2019**

17.00 – 18.00 hrs. : High-Level Working Meeting: Maximizing all Options to Achieve  
Universal Energy Access by 2030

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**DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. MAHAMADOU ISSOUFOU, PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF NIGER  
6 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**6 July 2019**

18.30 – 21.00 hrs.

Dinner Hosted by H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the  
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**LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE ACTIVITIES**  
**15 June 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

15 June 2019

Official Launching Ceremony

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**ANIMATIONS IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES**

**16 June – 08 July 2019**

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**16 June - 08 July 2019**

Animations in all Municipalities

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**“RAYONS D’AFRIQUE” FESTIVAL**  
**20 – 29 JUNE 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

20-29 June 2019

*“Rayons d’Afrique” Festival*

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**CHILDREN OF NIAMEY SING FOR AFRICA  
27 JUNE 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

27 June 2019

Children of Niamey Sing for Africa

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(5)

**EXHIBITION AND SALE - TREASURES OF NIGER**  
**28 June - 27 October 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**28 June - 27 October  
2019**

Exhibition and Sale – Treasures of Niger

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**EXHIBITION AND SALE OF ARTISANAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS – MINI SAFEM**

**28 June - 7 July 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**28 June - 7 July 2019**      Exhibition and Sale of Artisanal and Food Products

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**PRE-SUMMIT CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE GENDER  
DIMENSION IN THE AFRICAN UNION – GENDER IS MY AGENDA (GIMAC)**  
**29 – 30 June 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**29 - 30 June 2019**

Pre-Summit Consultative Meeting (GIMAC)



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**SIMULATION OF AFRICAN UNION DIPLOMATIC DEBATE, CONFLICT  
RESOLUTION, PLENARY SESSIONS - MAU**

**30 June - 02 July 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**30 June - 02 July 2019**

Simulation of African Union Diplomatic Debate, Conflict  
Resolution, Plenary Sessions - MAU



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**TRADITIONAL FASHION GALA – TANDA 2000  
30 June 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**30 June 2019**

TANDA 2000

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**EXHIBITION AND SALE OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF NIGER – ONE WEEK  
TO MEET AFRICA  
1 - 7 July 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**1 - 7 July 2019**

Exhibition and Sale of Products and Services of Niger

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**COMEDY SHOW “PARLEMENT DU RIRE”**  
**2 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

2 July 2019

Comedy Show

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**FRENCH-SPEAKING CIVIL SOCIETY MEETING TO ADVOCATE FOR THE FIGHT  
AGAINST HIV-AIDS AND TUBERCULOSIS – CS4ME**  
**2 July 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

2 July 2019

French Speaking Civil Society Meeting

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(13)

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AFRICAN FASHION - FIMA  
4 – 5 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**4 – 5 July 2019**

**International Festival of African Fashion - FIMA**

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**INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (I4Dev) – ANSI**  
**4 – 10 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**4 – 10 July 2019**

- 4-6 July 2019: Technologies for Development
- 9-10 July 2019: High-Level Conferences and Debates

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**EXCHANGE PANEL ON URBAN RENEWAL – NIAMEY NYALA**  
**5 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**5 July 2019**

Exchange Panel on Urban Renewal – Niamey Nyala

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(16)

**SYMPOSIUM ON CANCER IN AFRICA – EXPERTS’ MEETING  
5 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**6 July 2019**

09.00 – 15.00hrs. : Symposium on Cancer in Africa –Experts’ Meeting

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(17)

**FORUM ON THE ELIMINATION OF MALARIA IN THE SAHEL**  
**5 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**6 July 2019**

15.00 – 17.00hrs. : Forum on the Elimination of Malaria in the Sahel

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(18)

**SYMPOSIUM ON CANCER IN AFRICA – HIGH-LEVEL PANEL  
6 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**6 July 2019**

16.00 – 18.00hrs. : Symposium on Cancer in Africa – High-Level Panel

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(19)

**MEETING OF ECOWAS FIRST LADIES FOR COMBATTING EARLY MARRIAGES  
AND PROMOTING GIRLS' EDUCATION – EXPERTS' MEETING  
6 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

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----- hrs. : Meeting of ECOWAS First Ladies for Combatting Early  
Marriages and Promoting Girls' Education – Experts'  
Meeting

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(20)

**GALA DINNER FOR FIRST LADIES HOSTED BY H.E. DR. LALLA MALIKA  
ISSOUFOU, FIRST LADY OF NIGER**  
**6 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**7 July 2019**

19.00 – 21.00hrs. : Gala Dinner for First Ladies Hosted by H.E. Dr. Lalla Malika Issoufou, First Lady of Niger

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(21)

**MEETING OF ECOWAS FIRST LADIES FOR COMBATTING EARLY MARRIAGES  
AND PROMOTING GIRLS' EDUCATION – HIGH-LEVEL PANEL  
7 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**7 July 2019**

16.00 – 18.00 hrs. : Meeting of ECOWAS First Ladies for Combatting Early Marriages and Promoting Girls' Education – High-level Panel

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**HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE CONTROL OF NEGLECTED  
TROPICAL DISEASES  
7 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**6 July 2019**

----- hrs. : High-Level Meeting on the Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases

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**HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF NIGER AND HIGH  
REPRESENTATIVE OF RAILA ODINGA, WITH 8 PARTICIPANTS HEADS OF STATE  
7 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**7 July 2019**

18.00 – 19.30hrs. : High-Level Meeting with President of Niger and High Representative of Raila Odinga, with 8 Participants Heads of State

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**HIGH-LEVEL MEETING AU-UNICEF  
7 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**7 July 2019**

To be confirmed. : High-Level Meeting AU-UNICEF

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**LUNCH OFFERED BY AFREXIMBANK ABOUT ILLEGAL MIGRATION  
7 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

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Lunch Offered By Afreximbank About Illegal Migration

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**CONCERT OF YOUSOU N'DOUR**  
**7 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

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Concert

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**CONFERENCE : YOUTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
7- 8 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

7 - 8 July 2019

Conference : Youth And Climate Change

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**AFRICAN FORUM ON PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES  
8 JULY 2019**

**Venue: Niamey, Niger**

**6 July 2019**

10.00 – 12.00 hrs. : African Forum on People Living with Disabilities

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