



**5th Annual AGOA CSO Network
Spring Conference**

***AGOA: Advancing Mutual Prosperity through Trade and
Economic Cooperation***

April 10-11, 2019

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

8:30 – 9:00 am

Registration

**Embassy of Côte d'Ivoire
2424 Massachusetts
Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008**

9:00 - 9:30 am

Continental Breakfast and Networking

9:30– 10:00 am

OPENING SESSION

Welcome: Fred Oladeinde, Chair, AGOA CSO Network Secretariat

Introduction of the Ambassador: Jeannine B. Scott
AGOA CSO Network Advisory Board

Welcome Remarks: H.E. E. Mohamed Haidara
Ambassador of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to the USA

Opening Remarks: Honorable Mrs. Kaba Nialé, Minister of Planning and Development, The Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

10:10 -11:00 am

PANEL I

Nuts and Bolts of U.S.- Africa Policy on AGOA: The Administration's Signature Programs and Initiatives

Moderators: Fred Oladeinde, and ***Jeannine B. Scott***,
AGOA CSO Network Secretariat

Bennett Harman, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) for Africa, Office of the USTR

Elizabeth Pelletreau, Deputy Director, Economic and Regional Affairs, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Q&A

11:00 -11:10 am

Coffee Break

11:10 am -12: 15 pm-

PANEL II

Good Governance and Prosper Africa

Moderator: Anthony B. Kim, Research Manager and Editor, Index of Economic Freedom, The Heritage Foundation



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Blake Chrystal, Director, Office of Sustainable Development
Africa Bureau, USAID

Albert Kouatelay, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Minister of
Commerce, The Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Dave Peterson, Senior Director, Africa Programs, National
Endowment for Democracy (NED)

Q&A

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12:20 – 1:20 pm

PANEL III

***Expansion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
(MSMEs)***

Moderator: C.D. Glin, President & CEO, U.S. African
Development Foundation (USADF)

Opening Remarks: Honorable Anoble Miezán Felix, State
Secretary for SME Promotion, Republic of Cote d Ivoire

Lars Benson, Regional Director for Africa, Center for International
Private Enterprise (CIPE)

Patricia Secke, President, African Femmes Performantes

Dr. Mima S. Nedelcovych, Chief Executive Officer
AfricaGlobal Partners

Q&A

1:20 – 1:30 pm

Coffee Break

1:30 – 3:00 pm

PANEL IV

***Civil Society; AWEF & YALI: A Discussion on the Agenda
for the Civil Society Session of the 18th AGOA Forum in
Abidjan, Côte d' Ivoire***

Moderator: Fred Oladeinde, Chair, AGOA CSO Network
Secretariat

Opening Remarks: Rev. Dr. Milenge Mwenelwata
2nd Vice President, Eglise Du Christ Au Congo

Patricia Baine, President and CEO, The Africa Society of the
National Summit on Africa (Invited)

Cham E. Bama, Principal Chief External Trade Promotion,
Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNCS)



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Guy M'Bengue, CEO, Agency for Promotion of Côte d' Ivoire Exports (APEX-CI), and President, Technical Organization Committee of the AGOA Forum 2019

Chief Olabintan Famutimi, President and CEO
Tricontinental Group, Ltd.

Jeannine B. Scott, Chair, Board of Directors Constituency for Africa (CFA)

Elodie Ntamuzinda W'igulu, Member of the Assembly Electoral Expert, Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI), Democratic Republic of the Congo

Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Sr. Associate for Pan African Church Engagement, Bread for World

Q&A

3:30 -3:45 pm

Closing Remarks

Thursday, April 11, 2019

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

AGOA Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill

12:15 – 1:45 pm

Courtesy Visit with Members of the Senate and House

Lunch (House Cafeteria)

2:00 pm -3:00 pm

Congressional Exchange on U.S.- Africa Trade, Investment, Economic Cooperation and Cultural Ties

Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2020

Angela Ellard, Ways & Means Committee Republican Chief Trade Counsel and Trade Subcommittee Staff Director, U.S. House of Representatives.

Joshua Snead, Republican Trade Counsel to the Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives

Katherine Tai, Chief Trade Counsel, Democratic Staff, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means

Alexandra Whittaker, Trade Counsel to the Chairman and Democratic Members of the Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives

3:10 pm - 4:00 pm

Expanding the AGOA Eligibility List and the 2019 AGOA Forum:

Moderators: Fred Oladeinde, and **Jeannine B. Scott**,
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Remarks: H.E. S Phokeer, Ambassador, Embassy of the
Republic of Mauritius

Gerard Amangoua, Deputy CEO, Agency for Promotion of
Côte d' Ivoire Exports (APEX-CI)

Patrick Tyrrell, Research Coordinator, Davis Institute for
National Security and Foreign Policy, The Heritage Foundation

4:00 pm -4:15 pm

Closing Remarks