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AGOA CSO NETWORK  
SPRING CONFERENCE

THEME

Extending AGOA to 2035: Using Trade to Strengthen U.S.-Africa Strategic Alliances

Thursday, April 13, 2023

George Washington University  
University Student Center  
800 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, 3rd Floor  
Washington, DC

8:30 am

Registration

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Fred Oladeinde**, President, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa, and Chairman, the AGOA CSO Network

**Jennifer Cooke**, Director, Institute for African Studies, The Elliott School for International Affairs, George Washington (GW) University

**Oswaldo Gómez-Martínez**, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) for African Affairs, Office of USTR, Executive Office of the President

**Rosa Whitaker**, **President/CEO**, The Whitaker Group

**H.E. Albert M. Muchanga**, Commissioner for Trade and Industry African Union Commission (AUC)

10:00 am – 10:10 am

Q&A

**AGOA CSO Network Spring Conference**  
**AGENDA (cont'd.)**

<b>10:15 am – 11:15 am</b>	<b>AGOA Eligibility and Inclusive Economic Growth</b> <i>Moderator: Anthony Carroll</i> , Founding Managing Director, Acorus Capital <b>Alexandra Whittaker</b> , Chief Trade Counsel and Trade Subcommittee Staff Director, U. S. House of Representatives (D) <b>Joshua Snead</b> , Chief Trade Counsel and Staff Director, Trade Subcommittee, House Ways and Means Committee ( R)
<b>11:15 am – 11:25 am</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>11:25 am – 11:40 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:45 am – 12:45 pm</b>	<b>Expanding U.S. -Africa Trade, Investment, &amp; Economic Cooperation</b> <i>Moderator: Witney Schneidman</i> , Author and International Adviser on Africa <b>Fred Oladeinde</b> , Chairman, AGOA CSO Network <b>Paul Ryberg</b> , President, African Coalition for Trade (ACT) <b>William Smith</b> , President, Emings, U.S.
<b>12:45 pm – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>1:00 pm – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:40 pm -2:40 pm</b>	<b>Extending AGOA to 2035</b> <i>Moderator: Chanda Mongo</i> Chairman, AGOA CSO Extension Campaign <b>Remarks</b> <b>H.E. Hilda Suka-Mafudze</b> Ambassador, African Union Mission to the USA <b>Panelists</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Milenge Mwenelwata</b> Secretary General, Syndicat D’Entraide Chretienne and Advisory Board Member, AGOA CSO Network <b>Pierre-Justin Kouka</b> , Advisory Board Member, AGOA CSO Network
<b>2:40 pm – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>3:00 pm – 3:15 pm</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Jennifer Cooke</b> , Director, Institute for African Studies, The Elliott School for International Affairs, GW University <b>Fred Oladeinde</b> , Chairman, the AGOA CSO Network