



4th Annual AGOA CSO Network Spring Conference

April 18-19, 2018

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

8:30 – 9: 00 am	Registration	Embassy of Nigeria 3519 International Court Washington, DC 20008
9:00 - 9:30 am	Continental Breakfast and Networking	
9:30– 9:55 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Embassy of Nigeria
	<p>Mistress of Ceremony: Patricia Secke, AGOA CSO Network Secretariat</p> <p>H.E. Sylvanus Nsofor, Ambassador, Federal Republic of Nigeria to the US.</p>	
10:00 -10:55 am	U.S. Trade and Investment with Sub-Saharan Africa: Recent Developments and the Way Forward	
	<p>Moderators: Fred Oladeinde, and Jeannine B. Scott, AGOA CSO Network Secretariat</p> <p>Constance Hamilton, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR)</p> <p>Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao, Ambassador, AU Representational Mission to the US</p>	
	Q&A	
10:55 -11:10 am	Coffee Break	
11:15 -12:10 pm	Utilizing AGOA Eligibility Criteria to Strengthen U.S. Africa Trade, Economic Cooperation and Cultural Ties	
	<p>Moderator: James M. Roberts, Research Fellow, Economic Freedom and Growth, Center for International Trade and Economics, The Heritage Foundation</p> <p>Ambassador Matthew T. Harrington, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Southern Africa and Public Diplomacy/Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State</p> <p>Jenai Cox, Senior Program Manager for Sub-Saharan Africa Programs, Freedom House</p> <p>Anne M. Zollner, Division Chief Trade Policy and Negotiations, Bureau of International Labor Affairs U.S. Department of Labor</p>	
	Q&A	



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12:15 – 1:10 pm	<p><i>Civil Society's Contribution to the Expansion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Eugene Cornelius, Jr., Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of International Trade, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)</p> <p>Lars Benson, Regional Director for Africa, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)</p> <p>Jose Matto, President/Chairman of The Hispanic Commerce Coalition and Managing Partner of HUBB-UCS</p> <p>Anthony Okonmah, Executive Director, Africa Trade Development Center (ATDC)</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Embassy of Nigeria
1:15 – 2:00 pm	<p><i>Discussion: AGOA Civil Society Network Agenda for the 2018 AGOA Forum</i></p> <p>Fred Oladeinde, Chair, AGOA CSO Network Secretariat</p> <p>Jeff Vogt, Legal Director, Solidarity Center</p> <p>Temitope Iluyemi, Director of Global Government Relations Sub-Sahara Africa, P&G</p>	
2:00 – 2:15 pm	<p><i>Closing Remarks</i></p>	





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Thursday, April 19, 2018		
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Visit with Members of Congress</i>	Capitol Hill
12:15 – 1:45 pm	Lunch (on your own)	
2:00 pm -4:00 pm	<i>Congressional Exchange on U.S.- Africa Trade, Investment Cooperation and Cultural Ties *</i>	2203 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515
2:00 pm -3:00 pm	<p><i>Welcome and Exchange</i></p> <p>Angela Ellard, Ways & Means Committee Chief Trade Counsel and Trade Subcommittee Staff Director of the U.S. House of Representatives</p> <p>Katherine Tai, House Ways & Means Committee Chief Trade Counsel</p> <p>Q & A</p>	
3:10 pm – 3:40 pm	<p><i>African Geopolitics and Trade Facilitation</i></p> <p>Joshua Meservey, Senior Policy Analyst for Africa and the Middle East, The Heritage Foundation</p> <p>Olabintan Famutimi, Chairman, Nigerian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC)</p>	
3:40 pm – 3:55 pm	<p>Abdellatif Bedier, President-Co Founder, HUBB COWORKING, HUBB ESTATE and Managing Partner of HUBB-UCS:</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p><i>Please note that this Exchange is closed to the Press</i></p>	