



**Civil Society Organization /AWEF Joint Session  
of the  
17<sup>th</sup> AGOA Forum  
Washington, DC, USA**

***“The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Expanding U.S.- Africa Trade and Investment***

**SCHEDULE\***

**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Hotel Check – in	Washington Plaza Hotel
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration	10 Thomas Circle Washington, DC 20005

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**Monday, July 9, 2018**

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Opening Ceremony
9:40 am – 10:55 am	Panel I: New Strategies for U.S. - Africa Trade and Investment
10:55 am -11:10 am	Coffee Break
11:15 am -12:30 pm	Panel II: Promoting Prosperity through MSME Participation in AGOA
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Luncheon
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Panel III: The Way Forward for AGOA: A Moderated Discussion on Labor in Sub Saharan Africa (SSA)
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Panel IV: Workshop on AGOA Country Utilization Plan for Civil Society

**Tuesday, July 10, 2018**

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Opening Remarks
9:40 am – 10:55 am	Panel V: Optimizing the Social and Economic Development of Women and Youth Under AGOA
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Panel VI: The Role of the Diaspora in US- Africa Trade and Investment Expansion
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Breakout Sessions: Formulation of Recommendations for Communique
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Closing: Groups Re-Convvene for Review of Recommendations

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**U.S. Department of State**

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

7:45 am -8:45 am

Arrival of Delegates / Registration\*

U.S.  
Department of  
State  
22<sup>nd</sup> & C St NW  
Main Entrance

***By Invitation, only. Please Bring your Government Issued ID  
or Passport***

Roundtable Discussion African Geo - Politics and  
the Index of Economic Freedom