



**30 YEARS OF
COMESA IMPACT**

PROGRAMME

The Eleventh COMESA Annual Research Forum

Theme:

Fostering Economic Integration and Inclusivity in COMESA through Value Addition, Green Investments and Tourism

17-19 September 2024

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

08.30-09.00 hrs: Participants Roll Call

09.00-11.00 hrs: Opening Ceremony

09.00-10.00 hrs: Session 1: Opening Session

Moderator: Dr. Christopher Onyango, Director, Trade and Customs, COMESA Secretariat

- Remarks by Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)
- Welcome Remarks by Amb. Dr. Mohamed Kadah, Assistant Secretary General (Programmes), COMESA
- Official Opening by H.E. Chileshe Mpundu Kapwepwe, Secretary General, COMESA

10.00-11.00 hrs: Session 2: Keynote Address

Moderator: Dr. Christopher Onyango, Director, Trade and Customs, COMESA Secretariat

- Keynote Address by Ms. Dorothy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director, International Trade Centre (ITC)
- Vote of Thanks (Zimbabwe)

11.00-11.15 hrs: Session 3: Election of the Bureau

Moderator: Dr. Christopher Onyango, Director, Trade and Customs, COMESA Secretariat

- Election of the Bureau - Bureau will preside over the forum Assisted by Session Moderators
- Adoption of the Programme

11.15-11.45 hrs: Session 4: Presentation on COMESA Annual Research Form and Masters Degree Programme

Moderator: Bureau Chair

- Overview of COMESA Annual Research Forum, Mr. Adam Willie, COMESA Secretariat
- Overview of the COMESA Masters Degree Programme in Regional Integration, Ms. Jane Kibiru, COMESA Secretariat

SUB THEME 1: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR INVESTMENT IN GREEN PROJECTS IN COMESA

11.45-12.55 hrs: Session 1: Evaluation of Economic Feasibility of Renewable Energy and Compost Production from the Food Waste from the Hospitality Industry in Zimbabwe

Moderator: Prof. Nelson Wawire, Professor of Economics, Kenyatta University

- Presenter: Dr. Trust Nhubu
 - Discussant: Dr. Susan Watundu Associate Professor of Applied Statistics and Economics at Makerere University Business School; Head, Department of Applied Statistics and Management Science
 - Plenary Discussion
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12.55-13.55 hrs: Lunch Break

SUB THEME 2: CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR INVESTMENT IN GREEN TECHNOLOGIES IN COMESA

13.55-15.05 hrs: Session 2: Economic Diversification and Natural Resource Depletion in COMESA

Moderator: Dr. Phineas G. Kadenge, University of Zimbabwe

- Presenter: Dr Abel Ezeoha
 - Discussant: Prof. Milu Muyanga, Michigan State University
 - Plenary Discussion
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SUB THEME 3: INVESTMENT, VALUE ADDITION AND VALUE CHAIN TRANSFORMATION IN COMESA

15.05-16.15 hrs: Session 3: Mapping Potentially Risky Import Products in COMESA

Moderator: Prof. Albert Makochehanwa, Professor of Economics, Director - University of Zimbabwe Business School

- Presenter: Dr. Majune Socrates
 - Discussant: Prof. Nelson Wawire, Professor of Economics, Kenyatta University
 - Plenary Discussion
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DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

PRESENTATION BY INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE

09.00-09.40 hrs: Session 1: "From Data to Action: Supporting Regional Trade Policies through Trade Intelligence"

Moderator: Dr. Phineas G. Kadenge, University of Zimbabwe

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- Presenter: Mr. Mathieu Loridan, Senior Market Analyst, Trade and Market Intelligence Section, International Trade Centre
 - Plenary Discussion

SUB THEME 4: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM GROWTH IN COMESA

09.40-10.50 hrs: Session 2: Travel and Tourism Industry in COMESA: A Diamond Factor Model Perspective

Moderator: Prof. Gift Mugano, Durban University of Technology

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- Presenter: Mr. Kenneth Mahuni
 - Discussant: Prof. Albert Makocheke, Professor of Economics, Director - University of Zimbabwe Business School
 - Plenary Discussion

10.50-12.00 hrs: Session 3: Climate Change Vulnerability and Resilience of Tourism Sector in COMESA

Moderator: Prof. Sophia Price, Leads Beckett University (LBU), Visiting Research Fellow, University of Johannesburg

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- Presenter : Dr. Shingirirai Mashura
 - Discussant: Dr. Percy Mabvuto-Ngwira, Tourism Specialist, Ministry of Tourism, Zambia Green Resilient and Transformational Tourism Project (GREAT-TDP)
 - Plenary Discussion

12.00-13.10 hrs: Session 4: Determinants of Tourism Demand in the COMESA Region

Moderator: Prof. Milu Muyanga, Michigan State University

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- Presenter: Mr. Shimukunku Manchishi
 - Discussant: Dr. Phineas G. Kadenge, University of Zimbabwe
 - Plenary Discussion

13.10-14.10 hrs: Lunch Break

SUB THEME 5: WOMEN AND YOUTH INCLUSIVITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

14.10-15.20 hrs: Session 5: Fostering Sustainable Regional Integration: The Complementary Roles of Unpaid Work Reforms and Entrepreneurship Training for Women and Youth in COMESA. Cases of Zimbabwe and Democratic Republic of the Congo

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- Presenter: Mr. Joburg Mahuyu
 - Discussant: Prof. Sophia Price, Leads Beckett University (LBU), Visiting Research Fellow, University of Johannesburg
 - Plenary Discussion

SUB THEME 6: CLIMATE CHANGE FINANCING

15.20-16.30 hrs: Session 6: Climate Financing in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

Moderator: Dr. Susan Watundu Associate Professor of Applied Statistics and Economics at Makerere University Business School; Head, Department of Applied Statistics and Management Science

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- Presenter: Mr. Kelvin Nkai
 - Discussant: Prof. Gift Mugano, Durban University of Technology
 - Plenary Discussion

16.30-16.45 hrs: Session 7: Way Forward

Moderator: Bureau Chair

DAY THREE: THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2024

08.00-12.00 hrs: Report writing

Moderator: Bureau Chair

12.00-13.30 hrs: Adoption of Forum Report

13.30-14.00 hrs: Closing of the Forum

- Remarks by Dr. Christopher Onyango, Director, Trade and Customs, COMESA Secretariat
 - Closing Remarks by the Chairperson
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