



CIVIL SOCIETY COALITION FOR AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA

(Promoting trade beyond borders...)

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CONCEPT NOTE

INAUGURAL LAUNCH OF CIVIL SOCIETY COALITION FOR AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (CSCAfCFTA)

Introduction to the Event:

In accordance with the 2023 African Union Theme of the year “Acceleration of Implementation of the AfCFTA” and target 12 of the Sustainable Development Goal 17 Agenda which talks about the imperative of nations realizing timely implementation of duty-free and quota market access on a lasting basis for all least developed countries, consistent with world Trade Organization decisions, including by ensuring that preferential rules of origin applicable to imports from least developed countries are transparent and simple, and contribute to facilitating market access, Civil Society Coalition for AfCFTA through this medium resolves to bring together various stakeholders from different sectors of development to officially launch the Coalition and its activities.

About the Inaugural Launch:

The official inauguration and launch of the Civil Society Coalition for AfCFTA will serve as a platform to showcase the coalition's role in promoting the benefits of the free trade agreement and its potential to drive economic growth and development in Africa. This event will bring together key stakeholders to discuss and deliberate on the role of Civil Society in the implementation of AfCFTA.

Context of the Event:

Civil Society Coalition for AfCFTA inaugural launch is timely and relevant as it will provide a platform for Civil Society to engage and contribute to the implementation of the free trade agreement. As the world still grapples with the economic impact of what “COVID-19 pandemic” did, AfCFTA presents a unique opportunity for African countries to boost their economies and promote intra-African trade.

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