



**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	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Mistress of Ceremony:</i> Patricia Secke, AGOA CSO Network</p> <p><i>Welcome:</i> Fred Oladeinde, Chair, AGOA CSO Network Secretariat</p> <p><i>Introduction of Ambassador Nsofor:</i> Bayo Idowu, Minister Head of Economic Section, Embassy of Nigeria Washington, DC</p> <p><i>Opening Remarks:</i> H.E. Sylvanus Nsofor, Ambassador Federal Republic of Nigeria to the US</p>	Embassy of Nigeria
10:00 -10:55 am	<p>U.S. Trade and Investment with Sub-Saharan Africa: Recent Developments and the Way Forward</p> <p><i>Moderators:</i> Fred Oladeinde, and Jeannine B. Scott, AGOA CSO Network</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> <p>Q&A</p>	
10:55 -11:10 am	Coffee Break	
11:15 -12:10 pm	<p>Utilizing AGOA Eligibility Criteria to Strengthen U.S. Africa Trade, Economic Cooperation and Cultural Ties</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> 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</p>	



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11:15 -12:10 pm

Utilizing AGOA Eligibility Criteria to Strengthen U.S. Africa Trade, Economic Cooperation and Cultural Ties

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Anne M. Zollner, Division Chief Trade Policy and Negotiations,
Bureau of International Labor Affairs
U.S. Department of Labor

Q&A

12:15 – 1:10 pm

Civil Society’s Contribution to the Expansion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

Moderator: Eugene Cornelius, Jr., Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of International Trade, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Lars Benson, Regional Director for Africa, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

Kim Ward, Managing Director of Programs, U.S. African Development Foundation

Jose Matto, President/Chairman of The Hispanic Commerce Coalition and Managing Partner of HUBB-UCS

Anthony Okonmah, Executive Director, Africa Trade Development Center (ATDC)

Q&A

1:15 – 2:00 pm

Discussion: AGOA Civil Society Network Agenda for the 2018 AGOA Forum

Fred Oladeinde, Chair, AGOA CSO Network Secretariat

Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Sr. Associate for Pan African Church Engagement, Bread for World

Jeff Vogt, Legal Director, Solidarity Center

Temitope Iluyemi, Director of Global Government Relations Sub-Sahara Africa, P&G

2:00 – 2:15 pm

Closing Remarks



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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, Chief Trade Counsel Ways & Means Committee and Trade Subcommittee Staff Director of the U.S. House of Representatives</p> <p>Joshua Snead, Trade Counsel to the Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives</p> <p>Katherine Tai, Chief Trade Counsel, Democratic Staff U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means</p> <p>Katherine F. White, Brookings Legis Congressional Fellow, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means</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>	