

The AGOA Civil Society Program will be held in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, July 29, and Friday, July 30.

The entire Civil Society Program will be available via webcast. The U.S. Embassies in Lilongwe and Abuja will connect African civil society members to the program via DVC. Additionally, the delegates of the AGOA/African Women's Program will participate on Friday, July 30 (9:00-10:15 a.m./U.S).

Organizations may view the program by connecting to the links below.

“The tenth annual African Growth and Opportunity Act Civil Society Forum will examine the progress in bridging the gaps in U.S.-Africa trade. While overall U.S.-Africa trade has expanded significantly, most of the growth has involved oil and mining. Civil Society is looking at obstacles preventing small and medium enterprises in Africa and America from taking full advantage of AGOA benefits in order to devise strategies to broaden the impact of AGOA. African and American experts will look at transportation, agriculture and textiles specifically. Moreover, the program will discuss the capacity building model used by the African Development Foundation.”

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Day I - Webcast – Thursday, July 29

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Day II - Webcast – Friday, July 30

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