



Launch of the Economic Development in Africa Report 2021
“Reaping the Potential Benefits of the African Continental Free Trade Area for Inclusive Growth”

Thursday 09 December 2021
 10-11:30 am, (EST)

Work programme

10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks - Ms. Grynspan, Secretary General, UNCTAD - Ms. Cristina Duarte, Under Secretary-General, UN Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) - Mr. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General, AfCFTA Secretariat Moderated by Mr. Kavazeua Katjomuise, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, OSAA
10:15-10:30	EDAR 2021 – “Reaping the Potential Benefits of the African Continental Free Trade Area for Inclusive Growth”: Key findings and recommendations - Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes (ALDC), UNCTAD
10:30-11:00	In Conversation: - Mr. Gilberto Antonio, Senior Policy Adviser to the Secretary General, AfCFTA Secretariat - Ms. Carolyn Oppong-Ntiri, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations in New York - Prof. Samuel Ojo Oloruntoba, Adjunct Research Professor, Institute of African Studies at the Carleton University, Canada and Member of OSAA Knowledge Network on Industrialization, Demographic Dividend and the AfCFTA Moderated by Mr. Kavazeua Katjomuise, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, OSAA
11:00-11:25	Discussion – Q&A
11:25-11:30	Closing Remarks - Her Excellency Fatima Kyari Mohammed, Ambassador of the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations in New York