



# The AfCFTA and Transformative Industrialisation Webinar Series

## Agriculture: Food Processing Value Chains (including retail)

### and Food Security

Wednesday, 11 November 2020

13h30 – 16h00

13:30 – 13:35	Welcome and Introductions by <b>Ms Mabel Nederlof-Sithole</b> (Programme Manager, Building Bridges)
13:35-13:40	<p><b>The AfCFTA and Transformative Industrialisation</b></p> <p><b>Prof Faizel Ismail</b>, the Director of The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, to recap on Webinars 1 &amp; 2, and introduce the discussion on <i>Agriculture: Food Processing Value Chains (including retail) and Food Security</i></p>
13:40– 14:15	<p><b>Discussion – Group 1</b>  <b>Context: The Opportunities and Challenges in Promoting Transformative Industrialization and Regional Value Chains (Agriculture and Food Processing in Africa)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ms Jane Ezirigwe</b> (Research Fellow, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies)</li> <li>2. <b>Mr Wandile Sihlobo</b> (Chief Economist, Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa)</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator Prof Carlos Lopes</b> (Professor, The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance)</p>
14:15-14:40	<p><b>Discussion - Group 2</b>  <b>The Impact of Covid-19: Disruptions and Opportunities of the Pandemic for Agriculture in Africa</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mr Nimrod Zalk</b> (Industrial Development Policy and Strategy Advisor, South African Department of Trade and Industry)</li> <li>2. <b>Dr Osita Aniemeka</b> (Chairman, Board of Trustees – Africa International Trade)</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator Prof Carlos Lopes</b> (Professor, The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance)</p>
14:40-14:45	<b>Break [5 minutes]</b>
14:45-15:20	<p><b>Discussion – Group 3</b>  <b>Case Studies: What lessons can we learn and also what failures from which we should unlearn, in relation to the agriculture and food processing value chains?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr. Samba Kawa</b> ( Feed The Future (FTF) Team Lead, USAID)</li> <li>2. <b>Mr Ziad Hamoui</b> (Founding Member and Past President, Borderless Alliance in West Africa)</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator Prof Carlos Lopes</b> (Professor, The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance)</p>
15:20-15:55	<b>Open Discussion</b>
15:55-16:00	<b>Closing Remarks – Prof Faizel Ismail</b>



## BIOS

(In order of appearance)

**Ms Mabel Nederlof-Sithole** (Programme Manager, Building Bridges)



Mabel Sithole is the Building Bridges Programme Manager at The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town (UCT). She is pursuing a PhD in Political Studies at UCT with a focus on women's leadership in Southern Africa. She has over 15 years experience working in human rights, public policy and development in Africa. Mabel obtained her first degree in Politics and Administration from the University of Zimbabwe in 2007, where she also served as president of the Model United Nations Club. She obtained an Honours Degree in Public Policy (with distinction for her thesis which analysed public opinion about the role of the police in protecting refugee rights in South Africa) and a Masters in Development Studies, from the University of Cape Town. Her current research interests focus on

leadership and governance in Southern Africa. In 2020, she was named one of the top 5 finalists in the Accenture Rising Star Awards in the public/private service category. She is also an established musician (Mae Sithole), recipient of the ConcertsSA Mobility Fund, and was named one of Cape Town's Top 5 Innovative Female Musician Innovators by Of Africa Magazine.

**Prof Faizel Ismail** (Director, The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance)



Professor Faizel Ismail is Director of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance. He currently teaches at the University of Cape Town, in the School of Economics, the Faculty of Law and in the Graduate School of Business. He has a PhD in Politics from the University of Manchester; an MPhil in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Sussex, and; BA and LLB Degrees from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (Pietermaritzburg) in South Africa. He was re-appointed to serve as the Chair of the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC) for five years (2019-2023). He was also South Africa's Special Envoy on the South Africa-USA AGOA negotiations between January 2015 and June 2016.

## Moderator

**Prof Carlos Lopes** (Professor, The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance)



Carlos Lopes is an Honorary Professor at the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, Faculty of Commerce, University of Cape Town. He is also a Visiting Professor at Sciences Po, Paris, and Associate Fellow at Chatham House, London. 2017 Fellow at Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford.

He has been associated with a number of high level boards, including the Global Commission for Economy and Climate, Global Commission for the Future of Work, Global Commission on the Geopolitics of Energy Transformation, Kofi Annan Foundation. Carlos Lopes is a current member of the boards of Jakaya Kikwete Foundation, Hailemariam and Roman Foundation, the Graça Machel Trust, the Graduate Institute of International and

Development Studies, Geneva, the Global Advisory Board of the African Leadership Institute, Waterloo University International Advisory Board, Blockchain Charity Foundation, African Center for Cities Advisory Board, as well as Honorary Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences and Lifetime Member of the Lisbon Academy of Sciences.

He has an Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Cândido Mendes University, Brazil, Hawassa University, Ethiopia and the Polytechnic University of Mozambique. Carlos Lopes is past chair of the Lisbon University Institute (2009 to 2017), past head of several institutions at the United Nations, including the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, UN System Staff College and UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa, (2012-2016).

He has occupied prominent positions such as UN Assistant Secretary-General and Political Director for Secretary-General Kofi Annan and he is currently the African Union High Representative for Partnerships with Europe and a member of the African Union Reform Team led by President Paul Kagame.

Carlos Lopes is a member of the Global Advisory Board of the African Leadership Institute, Honorary Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences, Lifetime Member of the Lisbon Academy of Sciences, Honorary Doctorate from Candido Mendos University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Hawassa University.



## Speakers

### **Ms Jane Ezirigwe** (Research Fellow, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies)



Jane Ezirigwe is a Research Fellow at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies with research interests focused on Food & Agricultural Law, Human Rights and Law & Development. She is also an adjunct lecturer at Bingham University, Karu, Nigeria where she teaches International Trade Law at the undergraduate level.

Jane has 28 publications in these areas, in reputable peer reviewed journals and has presented her research works in several local and international conferences. She had her legal and professional development training from University of Abuja, Nigerian Law School, Harvard Law School, University of London, ESUT Business School and is concluding her doctoral studies at the Faculty of Law of University of Cape Town. She has worked in private legal practice, corporate practice and presently in academia and research.

Jane is the co-coordinator of the NIALS training course on Trade & Regional Integration Law & Practice. She was a national committee member of the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), Federal Ministry of Trade & Investment for the National Trade Summit for Skilled and Vocational Artisans in 2018. She was also a member, House of Representatives' Technical Committee on Environmental Law and Policy in 2017.

She is an International Bar Association Scholar; a Moseneke Grant Scholar, an Alexandre Burman Memorial Grant scholar; an Olu Akinkugbe Fellow on Business Law in Africa, a Fellow of Young African Leaders Initiative; and has received several academic and research awards for her contributions to the development of law.



**Mr Wandile Sihlobo** (Chief Economist, Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa)



Wandile Sihlobo, an agricultural economist by training, is Chief Economist of the Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa (Agbiz). Sihlobo was appointed as a member of President Cyril Ramaphosa's Presidential Economic Advisory Council in 2019 after serving on the Presidential Expert Advisory Panel on Land Reform and Agriculture between 2018 and 2019. Sihlobo is also a member of the Council of Statistics of South Africa (Stats SA).

He is a Commissioner at the International Trade Commission of South Africa (ITAC). Sihlobo is a columnist for Business Day and Farmers Weekly magazine. He is a member of the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa (AEASA). Sihlobo is an author of "Finding Common Ground: Land, Equity and Agriculture" published by Pan Macmillan in March 2020. He is also a contributor to the book "Recession, Recovery and Reform" published by Jacana in August

2020. Sihlobo holds a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Stellenbosch University.

**Mr Nimrod Zalk** (Industrial Development Policy and Strategy Advisor, South African Department of Trade and Industry)



Nimrod Zalk is Industrial Development Policy and Strategy Advisor at the South African Department of Trade and Industry (the dti). Prior to this he was Deputy Director-General of the Industrial Development Division of the dti. He also sits on the board of the South African Industrial Development Corporation. Nimrod holds an MSc in Economics (with reference to Africa) from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

He has been involved in a range of processes related to South African and African industrial development including:

- Development and implementation of South Africa's National Industrial Policy Framework (NIPF) and Industrial Policy Action Plans (IPAP)
- Design and implementation of key industrial policy initiatives including various sector strategies, industrial financing instruments, and leveraging procurement for industrial development.
- Development of the DTI's sector strategy methodology
- The South African Renewables Initiative (SARi)
- Measures to deal with monopolistic behaviour in the South African economy
- Joseph Stiglitz's Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD): Africa Task Force
- Ethiopian industrial development and policy
- The NEPAD process

He has authored papers on a range of topics including: industrial development and policy, competition and competitiveness, and regional economic development, and has delivered lectures on industrial development and policy at the following institutions: University of the Witwatersrand, University of Johannesburg, University of Stellenbosch and University of the Western Cape.



## Dr Osita Aniemeka (Chairman, Board of Trustees – Africa International Trade)



As Founder and President, Sub Saharan Open University (SSOU), Dr Osita Aniemeka leads the African institution to bring disruptive learning in entrepreneurship, agropreneurship, innovations, and exponential technologies for business incubation and acceleration. SSOU emphasizes technological and scientific contents for the transformation of the African continent.

In 2010, Dr Osita Aniemeka became Fulltime Faculty, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State and in 2011 was appointed Director, Center for Learning Communities of same University, where his

work involved global education and the establishment of the University's Entrepreneurship Education Program.

With a PhD in Communication and Entrepreneurial Leadership, Osita worked for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Project-NEXTT, growing the potentials for agriculture and agribusiness on the Lagos-Kano-Jibiya (LAKAJI) Corridor Agropreneurs.

He's consultant to DFID-ENABLE2, and worked with UNDP | FMARD Capacity Development Trajectory of the Nigerian Agricultural Transformation Agenda (ATA). He was Country Director for the Nigeria Development Gateway Collaborative (World Bank-Development Gateway Foundation) and Customer Service Agent for the legendary American Express Card in Huntsville, AL. Osita was Senior Research Fellow at the Foundation for African Arts and Letters (FAAL), New York, before returning to Nigeria to join the Faculty and Senate of IBB University.

As member of the Global Steering Committee of the NGO Working Group on the World Bank, he represented the Africa Region on the Global Steering Committee and was named Man of the Year in 2002.

A skilled facilitator and capacity development specialist with expertise in entrepreneurial leadership, innovation and change management, Dr Aniemeka gained extensive experience in SME development strategy, performance management, media, non-profit governance, donor relations, and public-private-dialogue/partnership, knowledge assets management working in the United States and in Nigeria.

**Dr. Samba Kawa** (Feed The Future (FTF) Team Lead, USAID)



Dr. Samba Kawa is Coordinator and Team Lead of the Feed the Future Program in the Economic Growth and Environment Office at USAID/Nigeria. Samba joined USAID in 2011 and has worked in USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security in Washington, D.C., and in USAID/Liberia. He has served as Country Support Officer for USAID missions in Ghana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Samba joined USAID/Nigeria in July 2019.

Before coming to USAID, Samba was a New York City (NYC) Teaching Fellow and middle school science teacher in NYC, where he also worked for a non-profit organization in Manhattan. Samba was also Variety Maintenance Officer in a GIZ funded Seed Multiplication Project in Sierra Leone. Samba holds PhD and MS degrees in Soil Science from the North Carolina State University in Raleigh (NC State) and in Education from Mercy College, NYC.

**Mr Ziad Hamoui** (Founding Member and Past President, Borderless Alliance in West Africa)



Ziad Hamoui is the founding member and past president of the Borderless Alliance in West Africa, a regional, private sector led, multi-stakeholder advocacy group that promotes economic integration in West Africa and tackles barriers to trade and transport in the region. He is currently the National President of its local chapter in Ghana.

Ziad has seventeen years of private sector, senior management experience, in Ghana, as Executive Director of Transport and Operations at Tarzan Enterprise Ltd., a post that he continues to hold since 2002.

Mr. Hamoui is a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) – Ghana and an active member of its Governing Council, a co-founder of a recently-launched grass-root trade advocacy campaign in Ghana, the "Trade Facilitation Coalition for Ghana" and a member of several advisory committees in the areas of trade

policy, trade facilitation, security and agribusiness.