



39TH PUBLIC DIALOGUE

The African Continental Free Trade Area – What is at stake for Namibia and the Region?

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Speakers

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Namibia has signed the Agreement at the recently-held African Union Summit in Mauritania. Thus far, 49 African Countries have signed the AfCFTA and it is anticipated that the Agreement could enter into force in the not too distant future. Since four out of five SACU countries have now signed the Agreement, and given the immense excitement and expectations regarding the opportunities for Africa that the Agreement is envisaged to unlock, it is an opportune time for interested Stakeholders and the Namibian Public to reflect on the status and outcomes of the CFTA negotiations, interrogate the possible implications and unpack the envisaged benefits for Namibia and the region at large.

Despite the large number of signatures and the fact that the Continental Free Trade Area has already been launched earlier this year in March in Kigali, Rwanda. The negotiations have however not been concluded as yet. Some key components of the CFTA are still under negotiation – with two of these crucial areas being Market Access/Tariff Schedules and Rules of Origin.

Due to limited seats, we kindly urge participants to confirm attendance with Ms. Cheryl Kahambea at **Tel. 061 417 500** or via email office@fesnam.org.na or on before **13 August 2018**.