



## **PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

### **CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

**Date: 16 August 2018, Time: 17h30, Venue: Thuringerhof Hotel**

#### **Speakers**

- **Prof. Trywell Kalusopa – Lecturer, University of Namibia**
- **Ms. Hilma Mote, Executive Director – Africa Labour, Research and Education Institute, Togo**
- **Representative from Ministry of Industrialisation, Trade and SME Development**
- **Mr. Bro-Matthew Shinguandja, Permanent Secretary – Ministry of Labour**
- **Mr. Vitalis Mameja- Executive Director, Reality of Aid Africa, Kenya**

On 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018, in Rwanda's capital Kigali, forty-four (44) African countries signed the African Continental Free Trade Agreement alias the ACFTA. The ACFTA aspires to create a single African market for goods and services, facilitate the free movement of people, mobilise regional investments and establishment of a Continental Customs Union. In turn, these efforts are expected to lead to enhanced African regional competitiveness, industrial development and resolve the challenges caused by multiple and overlapping Regional Economic Community memberships and fast-track the long-awaited African regional and continental integration process.

The Kigali summit prodded a sense of urgency signalled by the ambition for the agreement to enter into force before the end of 2018 if 22 countries of the 44 ratify the agreement. It is thus clear that the AU shall forge ahead with implementation as the first major stride towards the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area has been taken.

Therefore LaRRI in partnership with FES would like to invite the public to share and exchange views on the newly signed (AfCFTA)

Due to limited seats we kindly urge participants to confirm attendance with Ms. Cheryl Kahambea at FES, Tel. 061 417 500 or via email: [office@fesnam.org.na](mailto:office@fesnam.org.na) before on or 15 August 2018.