



**International Webinar on African Union-European Relations and
Implications for the African Continental Free Trade Area, March 15-17, 2022,
8:00 AM EST; 2:00 PM SAST**

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Agenda

March 15	Chair: Prof. Samuel Ojo Oloruntoba
08:00-08:10	Opening Remarks Prof. Christine Duff, Director, Institute of African Studies, Carleton University, Canada
08:10-08:20	Welcome Remarks Prof. Victoria Graham, Head of Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria, South Africa
08:20-08:30	Introduction of AURORA Project – Prof. Chris Changwe Nshimbi, Director, Institute of Political and Strategic Studies, Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria, South Africa
08:30-08:35	Health Break
08.35-10:00	Presentations
	Chair: Prof. Samuel O Oloruntoba 1. Regional Integration and Development in the European Union: Possible Lessons for the African Union Dr. Victor Mlambo 2. Improving Intra-African Trade for AfCFTA and Non-AfCFTA Trade flows through formidable Policy Regime: Lessons from European Union

End of Day 1

Day 2
March 16, 2022
9:00-10:30

10:35-12:00

Dr. Adebayo Adedokun

3. African Union-European Union Migration Management in West Africa and its implications for AU Integration
Dr. Jacob Babajide
4. The Practice of Soft Power in Africa: EU-Relations: Is it Optimal or One sided?
Dr. Mercy Atieno Odongo

Presentations

Chair: Professor Ikenna Alumona

1. Hackathons as a Support for the EU-Africa Partnership JAES: A Case study
Assistant Prof. Anna Masion-Oracz and Marta Odete F. Da Silva Coelho, M.A.
2. French Operation Barkhane: A Litmus Test of AU-EU Security Cooperation
Akinkumi Afeez Akinlabi, PhD candidate
3. The Challenges of Global Climate Change: A Comparative Analysis of the European Union's and African Union's Adaptation Strategies
Olanrewaju Emupenne
4. The Impacts of Soft power on the future of European Union and African Union Cooperation
Victor Fakoya and Bolaji Omitola

Chair: Professor Yiagadeesen Samy

1. Contending issues in the African Continental Free Trade Area and the EU-ACP Economic Partnership Agreements
Prof. Samuel Ojo Oloruntoba
2. Rethinking Migration Narrative Through EU-Africa Relations from Below: Migration Evangelism of France-based African migrants to Europe-based commuters
Dr. Leon M. Tshimpaka
3. Africa's institutions of integration and the neo-functional institutional architecture of European Integration
Dr. Gabila Nubong

<p>End of Day 2</p>	<p>4. Projecting the potential of the African Continental Free Agreement (AfCFTA) in conflict-ridden Africa Dr. Shittu Raji and Dr. Abosede Babatunde</p>
<p>Day 3 March 17, 2022</p>	<p>Presentations</p>
<p>9:00-10:30</p> <p>10:35-12:00</p>	<p>Chair: Dr. Adebayo Adedokun</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EU-AU Relations in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area and the political economy of development in Africa Prof. John Mary Kanyamurwa 2. Of ‘pieces of cake’ and ‘elephants’ in the room’ Migration in Africa’s Integration Project Prof. Chris Nshimbi 3. On the African Continental Free Trade Area, migration and the Africa-European Union relations Prof. Innocent Moyo 4. EU-African Economic Partnership Agreements: Wither the African Continental Free Trade Agreements? Prof. Ikenna Mike Alumona, Emeka Charles Illoh and Stephen Nnameka Azom <p>Chair: Prof. Paul Mkandawire</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The African Continental Free Trade Agreement and Economic Development in Africa: Lessons from Association of Southeast Asian Nations Prof. Samuel Ojo Oloruntoba 2. An Investigation into the use of digital technology in promoting agribusiness development in Lesotho: The case of Leribe and Thaba-tseka Nthabeleng Lekhanya 3. Supranationalism and intergovernmentalism: European and African integration in non-comparative perspective Prof. Chris Nshimbi and Dr. Leon M Tshimpaka
<p>12.15-13:00</p>	<p>Way forward</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publications 2. Upcoming webinar 3. Wrap up