



AfIELN- Entrenching International Economic Law in Africa's Development Agenda

CALL FOR PAPERS

**4TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE AND FIRST HIGH LEVEL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER
CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICA TRADE POLICY EXPERTS ROUNDTABLE (ATEPAR)**

UNIVERSITY OF MIDDLESEX MAURITIUS CAMPUS, MAURITIUS

8TH -10TH NOVEMBER, 2017

The African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) is a regional network under the auspices of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL). AfIELN is an organization aimed at academics and academically minded practitioners and officials in the field of International Economic Law (IEL) in Africa.

The Fourth Biennial Conference is poised to attract scholars, researchers, academics, and policy makers from Africa and the rest of the world, particularly stakeholders in Africa's development at every level. It is expected that the essence of the Conference will be to expand the scope of the Network and further to policy analysis and research by inaugurating the policy and implementation arm of the network called Africa Trade Policy Experts Roundtable (ATEPAR).

To that extent, ATEPAR will be seeking to bring together practitioners and policy makers from Africa and beyond during this convening. The ATEPAR, a major program of the AfIELN, catalyzes Africa's developments agenda through International Economic Law, Development and Governance. It provides a platform for stakeholders to engage with professionals and practitioners in the general trade

negotiation process, with a view of understanding the complexities therein, narrowing in on the various gaps evident in trade negotiations, and identifying Africa's Common Interest to achieve favorable negotiation outcomes. The ATEPAR is aimed at harmonizing Africa's trade interests and collaborating with Africa's trade negotiators, Regional Economic Communities and Governments for Africa's common good.

The Conference is open to both junior and senior international law, economics and development scholars and practitioners. The organizers especially encourage current and recent doctoral students to apply. Papers will be selected based on quality, originality, and their capacity to provoke productive debate. The organizers will seek to publish the proceedings from the conference. The 2017 Conference will involve open deliberations on specified thematic issues.

Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to :

- Negotiations for the Continental Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)
- Impact of BREXIT on Africa
- International Investment Law and Implications for Africa
- Trans –Pacific Trade Agreement and Implications for Africa
- The IIAs Regime and Intellectual Property Rights and Obligations
- WTO and Doha Development Agenda
- Trade and Investment Framework Agreements- EPAs, AGOA
- Intra- Africa Trade and Regional Integration
- Multilateral Trade Negotiations and Private Sector Development in Africa
- Bali Trade Facilitation Agreement and Informal Cross Border Trade in Africa

- Contemporary Trade Issues – Green Economy, Gender, Security, etc
- Agriculture and Food Security
- Extractives
- Trade in Services

Important Dates

- Submission of paper proposal and CV: 31st May 2017
- Notification of acceptance: 12th July 2017
- Final paper submission: 31st August 2017

Submission Instructions: Applications can be submitted at info@afieln.org and emeka.chukwuma20@gmail.com.

Abstracts of 300 words should be submitted by 31st May, 2017. They should include a paper proposal of not more than 300 words and a brief biography and recent passport size photo

Selected applicants will be informed of their acceptance by 12th July 2017 and will be asked to submit their papers of around 5,000 words in length by 31st August 2017. The conference and roundtable papers will be distributed to the other conference and roundtable participants in advance to facilitate an in-depth discussion.

AfiELN is a bilingual institution; however, submissions in English are preferred. Any questions should be addressed to the conference and roundtable organizers via the email addresses provided above.