

PROGRAMME: CRYSTAL BALL AFRICA 2020

DATE: **Thursday, January 16, 2020**; VENUE: **Labadi Beach Hotel, Accra – Ghana**

THEME: *“The AfCFTA and Business Without Borders - The Game Changer”*

TIME	TOPIC
	THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020
07:30	Registration
08:45 – 08:50	Welcome remarks
08:50 – 09:00	Opening remarks
09:00 – 09:15	Message from Lead Sponsor
09:15 – 09:45	Keynote Address: “Getting Ready for the Start of Trade”
09:45 – 10:00	Remarks by Guest of Honour
10:00 – 10:40	The Emerging Mega Market under the AfCFTA and the Trillion Dollar Private Sector Investment Framework
10:40 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 12:00	Financing continental trade, mega investments and signature AfCFTA projects
12:00 - 13:00	The emerging opportunities in Africa’s value addition and industrialization agenda
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS - PARALLEL SESSION 1 (A), (B), (C) &(D)
14:00 – 14:45 SESSION 1(A)	Leveraging the AfCFTA rules of origin for increased exports
14:00 – 14:45 SESSION 1(B)	The role of Local and Foreign investors and the rise of Special economic zones
14:00 – 14:45 SESSION 1(C)	Standardization: under the AfCFTA what are the new standards that a business must know
14:00 – 14:45 SESSION 1(D)	The role of SMEs in the Africa value and supply chain under the AfCFTA
	PARALLEL SESSION 2 (A), (B), (C) &(D)
14:45 – 15:30	

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SESSION 2(A) 14:45 – 15:00	Invest in Africa (IIA) – SME supply chain platform
15:00 – 15:30	The proposed payment platform and currency of payments under the AfCFTA
14:45 – 15:30 SESSION 2(B)	Trade compliance and the dispute resolution mechanisms under the AfCFTA
14:45 – 15:30 SESSION 2(C)	Using innovation to build industrialization culture in Africa
14:45 – 15:30 SESSION 2(D)	Agriculture as a catalyst for industrialization and growth in agribusiness for the AfCFTA
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
	PLENARY SESSION
16:00 - 16:30	Developing the business and private sector aspects into the country strategy – key issues businesses should note
16:30 – 17:00	The professional services market under the AfCFTA
17:00 – 17:30	Inside the Crystal Ball - 2019 - Africa business in the midst of global events 2020
17:30	CLOSING PARTY