

**Special Theme:**

**'AfCFTA: Challenges and Opportunities'**

**DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM**

6 September 2022

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**PROGRAMME**

**TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2022**

OPENING CEREMONY: 11:00-11:30		Zoom Link: (Same link applies for the whole event) Register <a href="#">here</a>
*11:00-11:05	Opening and Welcoming Remarks by WCP Organising Team	
11:05-11:10	Address by Dr Werner Zdouc, WCP Team (WTO)	
11:10-11:30	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Prof Ngepah Nicolas (University of Johannesburg, South Africa)	

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**DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM SESSION: 11:30-13:00 (Session 1) & 13:15-15:00 (Session 2)**

SESSION 1 (11:30-13:10)		
Chair: <b>Dr Verena Tandrayen-Ragoobur</b>	1. 11:30	<b>Prospects, Challenges and Opportunities of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement</b> <i>Dawit Haileyesus Denegetu (Addis Ababa University)</i> <i>Discussants: Prof Caiphas Chekwoti (WCP, Tanzania) &amp; Ms Lily Sommer (International Trade Centre)</i>
	2. 11:50	<b>Can Gender Explain Export Efficiency? Evidence from Cross-Country Surveys</b> <i>Beatrice M Muthini &amp; Kefa Simiyu (University of Nairobi)</i> <i>Discussants: Dr Verena Tandrayen Ragoobur (WCP, Mauritius) &amp; Prof Tabitha Kiriti (WCP, Kenya)</i>
	3. 12:10	<b>Règles d'Origine et Barrières non Douanières, quel apport à la ZLECAF?</b> <i>Samira El Khorassani &amp; Prof Alaoui Lalla Latifa (FSJES – UM5 Souissi- Rabat- Maroc)</i> <i>Discussants: Dr Verena Tandrayen Ragoobur (WCP, Mauritius) &amp; Mrs Varsha Mooneeram-Chadee (WCP Mauritius)</i>

	4.	<b>Competition Law Approaches to Mergers and Acquisitions post-AfCFTA</b>	
	12:30	<i>Daniel Olike (University of Florida)</i> <i>Discussants: Prof Wilma Viviers (WCP, South Africa) &amp; Prof Leila Baghdadi (WCP, Tunisia)</i>	
	5.	<b>The Impact of Covid-19 on the Implementation and Effectiveness of the AfCFTA</b>	
	12:50	<i>Olabisi Julius Olaposi (University of Mauritius)</i> <i>Discussants: Ms Bineswaree Bolaky (UNECA) &amp; Ms Lily Sommer (International Trade Centre)</i>	
<b>BREAK (13:10–13:20)</b>			
<b>SESSION 1 (13:20-15:20)</b>			
Chair: <b>Prof Wilma Viviers</b>	6.	<b>Analysis of the AfCFTA through Michael Porter's Diamond Theory</b>	
	13:20	<i>Kenneth Mahuni (University of Mauritius)</i> <i>Discussants: Ms Bineswaree Bolaky (UNECA) &amp; Prof Rama B. Rao (WCP, Rwanda)</i>	
	7.	<b>Greening the AfCFTA Agreement: Legal Levers and Limitations</b>	
	13:40	<i>Getachew Hannah (King's College London)</i> <i>Discussants: Mrs Varsha Mooneeram-Chadee (WCP Mauritius) &amp; Prof Wilma Viviers (WCP, South Africa)</i>	
	8.	<b>Tunisia's Export Diversification under the AfCFTA – Illustrated by Selected Examples</b>	
	14:00	<i>Amal Medini, Prof Leila Baghdadi, Prof Wilma Viviers &amp; Dr Martin Cameron (Universite de Tunis)</i> <i>Discussants: Prof Chahir Zaki (WCP, Egypt) &amp; Prof Boopen Seetanah (WCP, Mauritius)</i>	
	9.	<b>AfCFTA–An Opportunity in the Light of Many Hurdles: The Case of ECOWAS</b>	
14:20	<i>Adeyemi Opeoluwa (Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria)</i> <i>Discussants: Dr Lorainne Ferreira (WCP, South Africa) &amp; Prof Chahir Zaki (WCP, Egypt)</i>		
	10.	<b>AfCFTA–Assessing Trade Opportunities for India and South Africa</b>	
	14:40	<i>Nitika Sharma, S Pramila, Parul Oberoi &amp; Anchal Saini (Christ University, Delhi)</i> <i>Discussants: Mr Paul Baker (International Economics) &amp; Prof Wilma Viviers (WCP, South Africa)</i>	
	11.	<b>Trade Facilitation and Participation in Global Production Networks</b>	
	15:00	<i>Insaf Guedidi, Prof Leila Baghdadi &amp; Immaculada Martínez-Zarzoso (Universite de Tunis)</i> <i>Discussants: Prof Sonja Grater (WCP, South Africa) &amp; Mr Paul Baker (International Economics)</i>	
	15:20	<b>VOTE OF THANKS</b>	

**Colloquium Co-Chairs:**

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