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**Workshop for Parliamentarians and Civil Society on EPAs**

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### **Workshop for Parliamentarians and Civil Society on EPAs**

#### **Session I. Brief on the EPA negotiations and the role of the AU in the EPA negotiation process**

During this session, the AU will make a brief presentation on the EPAs and its role in the negotiation process.

#### **Session II. Presentation on the State of play on the EPA negotiations**

During this session, the representatives of the negotiating groups and the regional economic communities will make a presentation on the state of play of the EPA negotiations.

#### **Session III. The Role of Parliament in Regional Integration and in the EPA process**

This session will touch upon the legal requirements for the domestication of EPAs as they relate to applicable national constitutional requirements and procedures and the role of parliament in that process. The presentation will also focus on the role of parliamentarians in the integration process as well as assess the mandate of some national and regional parliaments in dealing with regional trade agreements.

#### **Session IV. Presentations by regions on the role of national and regional parliaments in the EPA process**

During this session, representatives of regional parliaments will make presentations on the involvement of parliament in the EPA negotiations at the national and regional levels. Parliamentarians from other regions are expected to share their experiences during this session.

#### **Session V. The role of civil society in EPA negotiations**

During this session, a representative of the Civil Society Organisations will make a presentation on their participation in the EPA negotiation process and the challenges they are facing. Recommendations will be made on ways to enhance effective participation in the process.

#### **Session VI. Monitoring the implementation of the EPAs**

Under this item, a presentation will be made to the parliamentarians on the monitoring of EPA negotiation as well as their implementation. The presentation will identify specific indicators that could be monitored during the implementation process and how such monitoring could be conducted.

#### **Session VII. Aid for Trade**

Under this agenda item, the workshop will receive an update on the Second Global Aid for Trade Review.