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*The Institute for African Studies, in partnership with the AGOA Civil Society Network, invites you to:*

## **Extending AGOA to 2035** **Using Trade to Strengthen US-Africa Strategic Alliances**

With opening keynote remarks by

H.E. Albert Muchanga  
African Union Commissioner for Trade and Industry

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. (ET)**  
*(Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)*

GW University Student Center | Room 309  
800 21st St NW | Washington DC 20052

Light Breakfast and Boxed Lunch will be served

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## **Renewing the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act: What Comes Next?**

Since its enactment in 2000, the [African Growth and Opportunity Act \(AGOA\)](#) has been at the core of U.S. economic policy and commercial engagement with Africa, providing eligible

African countries with duty-free access to the U.S. market for a broad range of products. With current legislation set to expire in September 2025, the United States has an opportunity to update and strengthen the program and deepen U.S. Africa trading partnerships.

Join IAfS and the AGOA Civil Society Network for a discussion of the importance of AGOA to U.S.-Africa partnership and debates on how best to bolster the program to



both U.S. and African benefit. This event will feature high-level speakers from the African Union, the U.S. government, civil society organizations, and private sector companies, and more from the U.S. and across Africa committed to expanding U.S. - Africa trade and economic cooperation. Featured Speakers Include: **H.E. Albert Muchanga, African Union Commissioner for Trade and Industry; H.E. Hilda Suka-Mafudze, Ambassador, African Union Mission to the United States; Chanda Mongo, Chair, AGOA CSO Extension Campaign; Rosa Whitaker, President and CEO, the Whitaker Group; Paul Ryberg, President, Africa Coalition for Trade**, and more. A light breakfast and boxed lunch will be served.

## SPEAKERS

 <p><b>H.E. ALBERT MUCHANGA</b> Commissioner for Trade and Industry African Union Commission (AUC)</p>	 <p><b>JENNIFER COOKE</b> Director, Institute for African Studies The Elliott School for International Affairs, George Washington University</p>	 <p><b>ROSA WHITAKER</b> President &amp; CEO The Whitaker Group</p>	 <p><b>OSVALDO GOMEZ-MARTINEZ</b> Deputy Assistant Office of USTR Executive Office of the President</p>
 <p><b>H.E. HILDA SUKA-MAFUDZE</b> Ambassador African Union Mission to the USA</p>	 <p><b>ALEXANDRA WHITTAKER</b> Chief Trade Counsel, Trade Subcommittee, House Ways and Means Committee (D)</p>	 <p><b>JOSH SNEAD</b> Chief Trade Counsel, Trade Subcommittee, House Ways and Means Committee (R)</p>	 <p><b>FRED O. OLADEINDE</b> President The Foundation for Democracy in Africa &amp; Chairman, AGOA CSO Network</p>
 <p><b>WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN</b> Author and International Advisor for Africa</p>	 <p><b>REV. MILENGE MWENELWATA</b> Secretary General Syndicat D'Entraide Chretienne</p>	 <p><b>ANTHONY CARROLL</b> Founding Managing Director Acorus Capital</p>	 <p><b>CHANDA MONGO</b> Chairman AGOA CSO Extension Campaign</p>
 <p><b>PIERRE JUSTIN KOUKA</b> Advisory Board Member AGOA CSO Network</p>	 <p><b>PAUL RYBERG</b> President Africa Coalition for Trade (ACT)</p>	 <p><b>WILLIAM SMITH</b> President Emings</p>	

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