

Africa Growth and Opportunity Act Forum

Accra, Ghana
July 18-19, 2007
Programme

**DAY
ONE**

JULY 18, 2007

OFFICIAL OPENING

9:00a.m.-10:30a.m.

- (1) WELCOME ADDRESS
- (2) REMARKS BY REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR
- (3) REMARKS BY REPRESENTATIVE OF AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR
- (4) ADDRESS BY HEAD OF US DELEGATION
- (5) KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

10:30a.m.-11:00a.m.

C O C O A/C O F F E E B R E A K

11:00a.m. – 12:30p.m.

PLENARY 1

SUB-THEME:

“PROGRESS ON AGOA IMPLEMENTATION”

CO-CHAIRS:

REPRESENTATIVE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS
REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS ON AGOA RESPONSE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLANS (SELECTED FROM 4 SUB REGIONS)

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| 1. SADC: | SOUTH AFRICA |
| 2. EAST AFRICA | KENYA |
| 3. CENTRAL AFRICA: | CAMEROON |
| 4. ECOWAS | SENEGAL |

12:30p.m. – 2:00p.m.

L U N C H

SUB-THEME:

“FACILITATING AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER AGOA”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

SECRETARY JOHANNNS, U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

2:00p.m. – 3:30p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SUB-THEME:

“BROADENING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER AGOA”

SESSION 1: TEXTILE AND APPAREL

SESSION 2: AGRI-BUSINESS

SESSION 3: HOME DÉCOR AND WOOD PRODUCTS

SESSION 4: STRATEGIES FOR DIVERSIFYING THE MANUFACTURING

SECTOR
AUTOMOBILES/ AUTO PARTS; LIGHT MANUFACTURING; SOFTWARE
DEVELOPMENT, ETC.

3:30p.m.-4:00p.m. COCO A/COFFEE BREAK

4:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONT'D)

SESSION 1: TEXTILE AND APPAREL

SESSION 2: AGRI-BUSINESS

SESSION 3: HOME DÉCOR AND WOOD PRODUCTS

SESSION 4: STRATEGIES FOR DIVERSIFYING THE MANUFACTURING
SECTOR: AUTOMOBILES/ AUTO PARTS; LIGHT MANUFACTURING;
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT, ETC.

5:00p.m.– 6:00p.m. SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION:

SUB-THEME: “ADDRESSING HEALTH CHALLENGES TO AFRICAN PRODUCTIVITY
UNDER AGOA”

CO CHAIRS: REPRESENTATIVE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS
REPRESENTATIVE OF US GOVERNMENT

7:00p.m. SPECIAL 50TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY GALA /DINNER

DAY TWO JULY 19, 2007

8:30a.m. – 11:00a.m. PLENARY 2

SUB-THEME: “ENHANCING SUPPLY CAPACITY OF SMES UNDER AGOA”

CO CHAIRS REPRESENTATIVE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS
REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

PANEL PRESENTATIONS:-

PANEL 1: ACCESS TO FINANCE

PANEL 2: MARKET DEVELOPMENT – MARKET INTELLIGENCE,
PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, MARKET ACCESS

PANEL 3: PRODUCTION – TECHNOLOGY, PRODUCTIVITY AND
COMPETITIVENESS

PANEL 4: INFRASTRUCTURE – ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
PORT FACILITIES
AND AVIATION

PANEL 5: QUALITY STANDARDS – MEETING MARKET REQUIREMENTS
ON STANDARDS

11:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. COCO A/COFFEE BREAK

11:30am – 1:00p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 1: ACCESS TO FINANCE

SESSION 2: MARKET DEVELOPMENT – MARKET INTELLIGENCE,
PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, MARKET ACCESS

SESSION 3: PRODUCTION – TECHNOLOGY, PRODUCTIVITY
AND COMPETITIVENESS

SESSION 4: INFRASTRUCTURE – ENERGY,
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PORT FACILITIES AND AVIATION

SESSION 5: QUALITY STANDARDS – MEETING MARKET
REQUIREMENTS ON STANDARDS

1:00p.m – 2:15p.m. L U N C H B R E A K

2:15p.m. – 4:15p.m. PLENARY 3
ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE: - US AND AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

CO-CHAIRS: REPRESENTATIVE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS
REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

THEMATIC AREAS (1) INFRASTRUCTURE
(2) FINANCE
(2) MARKET DEVELOPMENT

4:15p.m – 4:45p.m. C O C O A / C O F F E E B R E A K

4:45p.m. – 5:45p.m. PLENARY 4
(1) EXCLUSIVE MEETING OF US-AFRICAN GOVT. DELEGATIONS
(CLOSED SESSION)

CO-CHAIRS: REPRESENTATIVE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS
REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

4:45p.m. – 5:45p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS
1. US-AFRICA PRIVATE SECTOR NETWORKING SESSION
2. US – AFRICA NGO NETWORKING SESSION

5:45p.m. – 6:45p.m. O F F I C I A L C L O S I N G S E S S I O N

STATEMENTS BY:

1. REPRESENTATIVE OF NGOS
2. REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR
3. HEAD OF US GOVERNMENT DELEGATION
4. VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA