



**African Growth and Opportunity Act Civil Society Forum
2010**
***“A Decade of Progress in Bridging the U.S.-Africa Trade
Gap”***

**Woodrow Wilson International Center
One Woodrow Wilson Plaza
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Washington, DC 20004
July 29-30, 2010**

This event is co-sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center's Africa Program, the U.S. Civil Society Coalition for African Trade and Investment, Manchester Trade, the U.S. Department of State, and the Shell Corporation.

Thursday, July 29

- 8:15 – 8:45am** **Registration and Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:30am** **Welcome and Introduction of Speaker: Steve McDonald**, Director, Africa Program, Woodrow Wilson Center
Welcoming Remarks: Michael H. Van Dusen, Executive Vice President, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Keynote Speaker: Senator Benjamin Cardin (D-MD), Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- 9:30 – 11:00am** **Panel I: Civil Society and AGOA: 2000-2010**
Video Conference with African Civil Society – U.S. Embassy Lilongwe (Malawi), and U.S. Embassy Abuja (Nigeria)
Panelists: **Gregory Simpkins**, Vice President, Leon H. Sullivan Foundation

M. Ayoma Matunga, SODNET, Kenya

Moderator: **Fred Oladeinde**, President, Foundation for Democracy in Africa

11:00am **Coffee Break**

11:15am – 12:30pm **Panel II: Energizing AGOA Agriculture Trade**
Panelists: **Craig Fedchock**, Director, International Capacity Development, Plant Protection and Quarantine, APHIS/USDA
David Skully, Ph.D., Agricultural economist, formerly with the USDA's Economic Research Service
Richard Pasco, J.D, M.S., Counselor to farm organizations and food companies on agriculture and trade legislation, regulations and policy approaches.
Moderator: **Patrick Wilson**, Ph.D., Administrator, BIG-Africa Partnership Secretariat

12:30 – 2:00pm **Lunch with Keynote Speaker: William Fitzgerald**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs

2:15 – 3:30pm **Panel III: AGOA and the Importance of Infrastructure, Supply Chains and Regional Integration**
Panelists: **Dr. Gregory Gajewski**, Vice President for Economic Development, The Louis Berger Group, Inc.
Richard Tracy, Director of International Programs, The Global Cold Chain Alliance
Jim Thaller, Managing Director, Thaller Trading Group, Inc.
Moderator: **Katrin Kuhlmann**, Resident Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

3:30pm **Coffee Break**

3:45 – 5:00pm **Panel IV: The Impact of Trade on African Societies**
Panelists: **Emira Woods**, Director, Foreign Policy in Focus, Institute for Policy Studies
Lawrencia Adams-Simpson, Team Leader, Ghana Research and Advocacy Programme
Elizabeth Sichinga, Zambia NGO Coordinating Committee
Moderator: **David Saunders**, Vice President, Constituency for Africa

5:30 – 7:00pm **AGOA Civil Society Forum Reception**
Speaker: Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA), House Foreign Affairs Committee

Friday, July 30

9:00 – 9:15am **Keynote Speaker: Congressman Jim McDermott (D-WA)**, Ways and Means Committee

9:15 - 10:30am

Panel I: Textiles and Beyond

Panelists: **Steve Lande**, former professor of trade policy, Georgetown University
Jas Bedi, Chairman, African Cotton Textiles Industry Federation
M. Monyane, Vice chairman, Lesotho Textile Exporters Association
Navdeep Sodhi, Partner, Gherzi Consultants
Moderator: **Tony Carroll**, Partner, Manchester Trade

10:30am

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:00noon

Panel II: A New Model for Trade Capacity Building

Presenter: **David Blaine**, U.S. African Development Foundation
Panelists: **Sadio Diarra**, USADF Mauritania Representative
Mary Malanga, National Association of Business Women, Malawi
Timothy Nzioka, USADF, Kenya Representative
Moderator: **Gregory Simpkins**, Vice President, Leon H. Sullivan Foundation