

## **Appendix**

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### **The Future of the Textile and Clothing Industry in Sub-Saharan Africa**

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# Appendix



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## “The Future of the African Textile and Clothing Industries”

Cape Town (Ritz Hotel, SeaPoint), October 10-11, 2005

### Programme

Jointly organized by:  
**Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung**  
**LaRRI (Namibia)**  
**Sactwu (South Africa)**  
**ITGLWF**

**Sunday, October 09**

Arrival of participants

**Monday, October 10**

- 08h30-09h00 Welcome and Opening
- Rudolf Traub-Merz, FES
  - Thabo Tshabalala, ITGLWF
  - Monroe Mkalipi, SACTWU

Introduction into Programme

- Herbert Jauch, LaRRI

**Session 1: Global restructuring of textile and clothing sector after the end of the MFA / ATC and its impact on sub-Saharan Africa**

*Under the Multi-fibre agreement (MF) and the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), the EU and the USA protected their domestic markets from cheaper Asian products with quotas. Exports from African countries benefited from the MTA thru preferential market access under AGOA (USA) and Cotonou (EU), the real advantage being however dependent on the application of the ‘rule of origin’ for inputs. With the expiry of the MTA, the global market is challenged by a huge restructuring exercise, creating few winners and many losers. The session tries to examine the extent of restructuring, changes in production and employment, consolidation and determining factors.*

09h00-10h30 Chair: Godfrey Kanyenze  
Presenter: Jean-Pierre Lapalme, WTO

- *The termination of the ATC and the restructuring of the global market: How do WTO rules now apply to trade in textiles and clothing with special emphasis on Africa?*

- *The present situation: main applicable WTO rules, preferential treatments, the specific rules applying to China;*
- *Challenges ahead: adjustment;*
- *the Doha development Agenda.*

Presenter: Mike Morris, School of Development Studies

- *The dynamics of the Global Textiles and Clothing value chain, the rise of China and the space for sub-Saharan Africa thru AGOA.*

## **Session 2: Reports on the State of Textiles and Clothing Industries in Sub-Saharan Africa**

*African countries relied on different strategies to promote textile industries: import substitution, export promotion, Export processing zones (EPZs). They differed in their consequences on backward-forward linking, role of FDI and investment policies. Country reports will focus on state of national textile industry, development model selected, current and future economic policies towards protecting and promoting textile sector.*

*Note: If feasible, Country reports should be grouped according to promotion strategy.*

### **11h00-12h30 Part 1: Country Reports:**

Chair: Esther de Haan

- Ghana: Dr. P.K.Quartey, P.K, ISSER
- Zambia: Grayson Koyi, CSAWUZ
- Nigeria: Salihu Lukmann, NLC
- Tanzania: Hassan Chamzin, TUICO

Discussion

### **14h00- 15h30 Part 2: Country Reports:**

Chair: Winnie K. Madonsela

- Kenya: Jacob Omolu IPAR
- Zimbabwe: Dr. Godfrey Kanyenze, LEDRIZ
- Madagaskar: Mamy Ralaivelo

Discussion

### **16h00-17h30 Part 3: Country Reports**

Chair: Moses Kachima, SATUCC

- Swaziland: Winnie K. Madonsela, University of Swaziland
- Mauritius: Gilles Joomun, StraConsult
- Malawi: Grace Mulima, MCTU
- Namibia: Herbert Jauch, LaRRI

Discussion

## **Tuesday, October 11**

### **Session 3: Promoting textiles industries in Africa – Which instruments are available under WTO?**

*The session will discuss the different means available to promote growth of African textile industries under WTO-rules. What instruments are available under current WTO-rules?. Which instruments could be negotiated in the DOHA-round? How would the results of the NAMA-negotiations impact on the textile sector? How can the WTO-clause on selective and differential treatment be applied to national needs?*

- 08h30-10h00 Chair: Esther Busser  
Presenter: Michiko Hayashi, UNCTAD
- *How to promote textile and clothing industries in Africa under WTO rules?*
  - *What support measures / tools can be used to offset the impact of increased competition in the global market? (GSP, GSTP, preferential rules of Origin, safeguard, subsidies, etc.)*
  - *What stakes do the textiles and clothing industries in Africa have in the Doha-negotiations? (e.g. NAMA-negotiations Special and differential treatment)*

10h30-11h30 **Part 4: Country Reports**

Chair: Herbert Jauch

- South Africa: Etienne Vlok / Ebrahim Patel, SACTWU

Discussion

**Session 4: International Labour Standards – How can they help African textile industries?**

*Textile industries appear to be a sector where FDI-hopping from Asia is particularly pronounced. Some, if not most of the current translocation of textile companies back to Asia is primarily motivated by sourcing for cheaper labour costs. Countries like China are pushing for more textile exports and are known to ignore international labour rights. In recent years, several African governments have put deregulation of the labour market on their reform agenda, trying to limit labour standards. The international labour movement is pushing hard that all countries accept labour standards. The main question are: Is the non-application of labour standards an decisive factor in creating wage differentials? Are African economies forced to reduce labour rights to become economically competitive exporters from Asia? Could the uniform application of labour standards (which?) for all textile producing countries be a relevant factor in helping African textile industries to survive? What is the policy of the AU? Is Cambodia a positive example and can decent work programmes in the textile and clothing sector be helpful?.*

- 10h30-12h30 Chair: Herbert Jauch  
Presenter: Sylvi Endresen, University of Oslo

- *Labour standards, competitiveness of localities, and spatial strategies of companies. The case of Ramatex, Namibia*

Presenters: Esther Busser, ICFTU-Geneva

Lawrence Egulu, ICFTU-AFRO

- *Topic: ICFTU-Policy towards Int. Labour Standard and its relevance to Sub-Saharan Africa*

**Session 6: Which way forward?**

- 14h00-17h00 Chair: Thabo Tshabalala, ITGLWF

- Issue: Conference resolution
- Issue: How to lobby national and international institutions?

**Closing**

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