

Capacity Building Event: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in The Gambia

14:00-17:00, 24 November, The Gambia time (GMT)

9:00-12:00, 24 November, Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Draft Agenda

Time	Session	
<i>24 November 2020</i>		
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Chairperson: Director of Industry Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment (MoTIE)</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDESA • Statistics General or his Representative, Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS) • Opening Statement: Senior Representative of MOTIE 	
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Session One: Rapid Assessment of the COVID-19 Impact on MSMEs in the Gambia</p> <p>Chairperson: Director of Industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background on undertaking of Rapid Assessment - Overview of Rapid Assessment: Scope of the study, selected sub-sectors, findings <p>Presentation: GBoS Representative</p>	

15:00 – 15:30	<p>Session Two: Analysis on the rapid assessment on improving MSME resilience to external risks in the post-COVID-19 economic resurgence</p> <p>Chairperson: Director of Industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of Rapid Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ripple effects at the micro level on households and employment (women and youths) - Proposed support measures - Evidence-based policy recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Relevant institutions and their respective roles <p>Presentation: Ms. Ndey Naffie Ceesay, National Consultant</p>	
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Discussions</p> <p>Chairperson: Director of Industry</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Notes This session is meant to solicit inputs from invited stakeholder groups on Report analysis and proposed interventions to validate report for its use as a reference document to take informed decisions on micro enterprises.</p>	
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Recommendations for the way forward and closing</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Director of Industry</p>	