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**High Level Policy Workshop**

**Mainstreaming Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in the implementation of African Free Trade Continental Area (AfCFTA) in The Gambia**

**15 December**

 **(Final Programme)**

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| **Sessions/Time** | **Activities** | **Moderator** |
| **Opening Session** **(9.00-10.00am)** | **Statement - Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacities Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (NSCBB, DSDG/DESA)****Statement - Ms. Aissata De, Resident Representative - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)****Statement - Hon. Seedy Keita, Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment****Opening Statement – Dr Isatou Touray, the Vice President of the Republic of The Gambia** | **Mr. Ebrima Sisawo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, MOTIE** |
| **Coffee Break (10.00-10.30am)** |
| **Session one****(10.30-13.00pm)** | **National Strategy for AfCFTA Implementation: What are the accompanying measures and benefits for the Gambian MSMEs (by Abdoulie Jammeh, Deputy Permanent Secretary, MoTIE)****AfCFTA and MSMEs: How to Harness the benefits of AfCFTA using ICT (by Hassan Jallow, Founder and Chief Software Architect, Assutech)****Q&A session** **The Draft Monitoring Framework for the Informal Sector (by Ms. Sheyi Oladipo, State University of New York)****Q&A session** | **Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, NSCBB, DSDG/DESA****Mr. Fabba Jammeh, Director of Industry and Investment, MOTIE** |
| **Lunch Break (13.00-14.30pm)** |
| **Session Two** **(14.30-16.00pm**) | **The impact of the AfCFTA implementation on MSMEs in The Gambia (by Professor Mustapha Fanneh, University of Gambia)****Enhancing MSME resilience in the AfCFTA implementation during the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic (by Alhajie Jallow, Principal Economist, MoFEA)****Q&A session** | **Mr. Ebrima Sisawo, Permanent Secretary MoTIE** |
| **Presentation by rapporteur on key messages and follow up steps** **(16.00-16.15pm)** |
| **Closing session****(16.15-16.30pm)** | **Mr. Ebrima Sisawo, Permanent Secretary MoTIE** |