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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** | |