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Dear Sirs,

SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR THE 16TH MEETING OF AfCFTA NEGOTIATING FORUM (NF)

In line with the Decision of the AU Ministers of Trade (AMOT) at their 8th Meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 07-08 June 2019 for extra meetings of NF, STO and AMOT to finalise preparations for the Niamey Summit. The, the Department of Trade and Industry is organizing the following meeting in Niamey, Niger:

No.	Dates	Meeting	Objective	Venue
1.	24 - 26 June 2019	16 th Meeting of AfCFTA NF	To consider outstanding work on AfCFTA Rules of Origin, Schedules of Tariff Concessions, and other Issues for the Launch of the AfCFTA Implementation Phase	Niamey, Niger

The WTO is requested to provide technical assistance to the AUC in guiding Member States to submit schedules of tariff concessions covering 90 percent of tariff lines in conformity with the adopted modalities on trade in goods to the AUC by 26th June 2019 for consideration by the 16th NF.

African Union Commission will cover the cost of your participation by providing Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) in accordance with the AUC Travel Policy.

To facilitate smooth travel arrangements, you are kindly requested to send the attached duly filled AUC Travel Confirmation Form along with copies of passports to Ms. Genet Tekle at GenetT@africa-union.org and Hermela Tilahun at Hermelat@africa-union.org; or by fax to +251 115 182 970 **by latest 13 June 2019**. **Please note that the AU Travel Unit will not be able to process air tickets for delegates who submit their travel forms after the deadline.**

The Aide Memoire as well as draft Agenda and Program for the meeting will be circulated in due course.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr. Hussein Hassan
Ag. Director, Trade and Industry

