

## **Representations 2009**

### **November 2009**

Patrick Chengo attended and facilitated a two day EPA Regional (ESA) Multi-stakeholder Strategy workshop organised by the Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD, formerly CSTNZ) on November 05-06, 2009. The objectives of the workshop were to review and assess the state of play in the ESA-IEPA negotiations and highlight key issues, challenges and opportunities for the ESA member states.

Simon Ng'ona attended the Industry and Trade Sector Advisory Group meeting organised by the Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry, in Lusaka Zambia, on November 05, 2009. The meeting discussed and highlighted those sectors from trade and industry which could be earmarked in the Six National Development Plan (SNDP).

Simon Ng'ona and Paul Shalala participated in a business discussion forum organised by the Economic Association of Zambia, in Lusaka, on November 03, 2009. The topic of the discussion was 'USA-Zambia Bilateral Trade Relationship: What are the Barriers Zambia is Facing in Accessing the US Market.'

### **October 2009**

Angela Mwape Mulenga attended the dissemination workshop organised by Oxfam Zambia in Lusaka, on October 29, 2009. The workshop aimed at discussing the preliminary research findings for a research which was undertaken in order to assess the impacts of the Coca Cola systems' operations on communities in Zambia and EL Salvador. The research was conducted by an independent research team comprising global and local researchers.

Patrick Chengo participated in a national conference on 'Natural Resource Exploitation and Extractive Industries' organised by Action Aid Zambia and its civil society partners. in Lusaka, on October 28, 2009. The conference brought together CSOs, academia, trade unions, and media and government experts to share information on specific recommendations on extractive industries in the formulation of the Sixth National Development Plan (SNDP).

Simon Ng'ona participated in the regional workshop on 'Trade Facilitation in the Context of North-South Corridor' organised by the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC) and the Ministry of Commerce Trade & Industry (MCTI) in Lusaka on October 27-29, 2009. The main purpose of the workshop was to improve basic understanding of the WTO trade facilitation negotiations among regional stakeholders. It also aimed at improving the capacity of regional stakeholders to participate in the WTO trade facilitation meetings and how to prepare WTO proposals.

Angela Mwape Mulenga participated at the presentation of the final trade services strategy documents meeting held in Lusaka, on October 12, 2009. The presentation was conducted by a consultant, Mathew Stern who was engaged by the Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry.

Paul Shalala participated in a Multi stakeholder meeting organised by SNV Zambia (Netherlands Development Organisation) and Catholic Organization for Relief and Development (CORDAID) in Lusaka, on October 04-06, 2009.

### **September 2009**

Angela Mwape Mulenga participated in a training workshop on the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) organised by the Zambia Competition Commission (ZCC) in collaboration with Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa (TRALAC) Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry (MCTI) and International Development Law Organisation (IDLO) in Lusaka, on September 23, 2009. The objective of the meeting was to assist the legal and business communities understand and fully appreciate interface between EPAs and competition.

Simon Ng'ona attended the Sixth National Development Plan (SNDP) CSO preparatory meeting for the Agriculture thematic group organised by the Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR) in Zambia, on September 23, 2009.

Angela Mwape Mulenga participated in the EPA review meeting facilitated by the Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry (MCTI) in Lusaka, on September 21-22, 2009.

Patrick Chengo attended a CSOs Engagement in the SNDP Consultative forum organised by the Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR) offices, in Lusaka, on September 09, 2009.

## **August 2009**

Simon Ng'ona participated in the ESA EPA interim signing ceremony held in Mauritius during August 28-30, 2009. The countries signed were Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Seychelles and Mauritius.

Angela Mwape Mulenga and Patrick Chengo attended the workshop on Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Standards (SPS) organised by the Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) and Southern African Confederation of Agriculture Unions (SACAU) in Lusaka, Zambia, on August 27-28, 2009 .

## **July 2009**

Simon Ng'ona participated in a consultative workshop of which was staged to analyse the draft Competition and Consumer Protection Policy organised by the Zambia Competition Commission and Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry (MCTI) in Lusaka, on July 31, 2009. The purpose of the workshop was to collect views from members of the public in order to come up with the final document on competition and consumer protection policy.

Patrick Chengo participated in a Parliamentarians and civil society workshop on EPAs in Addis Ababa, on July 30-31, 2009. The main purpose of the meeting was to harmonise positions between policy makers.

Simon Ng'ona participated in a Chirundu One Stop Border Post Study Tour organised by the National Working Group on Trade Facilitation, in Lusaka, on July 30, 2009. The purpose of the tour was to develop a short position paper, to be incorporated into the Zambia's Border Agency Coordination study to be submitted to the WTO.

## **June 2009**

Patrick Chengo attended a meeting organised by the Zambia Competition Commission (ZCC), in Lusaka, on June 19, 2009. The workshop was an initiative for information dissemination to the local manufacturers and service providers regarding restrictive business practices/anti-competitive practices and consumer protection issues in Zambia as provided for under the Competition and Fair Trading Act, Cap 417 of the Laws of Zambia.

Simon Ng'ona attended the Trade Expansion Working Group (TEWG) meeting hosted by the National Implementation Unit (NIU) of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) in Zambia on June 09, 2009. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss on how Zambia could be engaged in the new United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)-WTO project for Zambia.

Angela Mwape Mulenga participated in the Inter-Trade Conference during the World Trade Week-International Conference on Trade in London, on June 08, 2009. The objective of the conference was to demonstrate the vital importance of trade and maintain momentum post of the G20 London Summit and help highlight the choices that business, policy makers and communities can make to ensure World trade is sustained.

## **May 2009**

Simon Ng'ona and Patrick Chengo attended a meeting organised by the Economics Association of Zambia (EAZ) in Lusaka, on May 15, 2009 where they hosted Dr Dambisa Moyo author of the controversial book called "Dead Aid".

Angela Mwape Mulenga participated at the Launch of the Oxfam Study in Zambia on the Coca-Cola and Corporate Social Responsibility in Lusaka, on May 14, 2009.

## **April 2009**

Simon Ng'ona attended a meeting on EPAs organised by the Economic Association of Zambia (EAZ) to discuss EPAs and their impact on the Zambia economy, in Lusaka, on April 24, 2009.

Tommy Singongi attended an industry stakeholders meeting organised by the Zambia Honey Partnership (ZHP) in Kitwe Copperbelt province on April 21-22, 2009. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the progress of the honey sector in Zambia.

Simon Ng'ona conducted a research on behalf of International Relations Research Programme (IRRP) on contemporary China-Africa relations in central province (Kabwe during April 16-23, 2009. The main aim of the research was to gather information from students on their perception of China and China-Zambia relations.

## **March 2009**

CUTS ARC, Lusaka team participated in the World Consumer Rights match past organised by the Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry (MCTI) on March 14, 2009. Zambia was commemorating this day with a local theme dubbed "*Reject Counterfeit Products: Cheap is Expensive*" and not the global theme which looked at junk foods because the issues of counterfeits products in Zambia was more pressing than that of Junk foods.

## **February 2009**

Simon Ng'ona attended the European Commission (EC) partner meeting in Lusaka, on February 18, 2009. The meeting was held in order to discuss the European Development Fund (EDF) Annual Operational Review (AOR) for 2009 and to get an input and expectations of CSOs for the 2009 thematic programme designed by the EC.

Patrick Chengo attended training on negotiations skills organised by the Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry (MCTI) at Kafue Gorge, during February 16-19, 2009. The objective of the training was enhancing skills negotiations.

## **January 2009**

Simon Ng'ona attended Consumer Rights meeting organised by the Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry Domestic Trade Department, in Lusaka, on January 29, 2009. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the planned activities towards the commemoration of World Consumer Rights Day which fall on March 15.