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Programme

20 February 2025, 9 a.m to 3 p.m. (EAT)
Boardroom 3, 3rd Floor, Protea Hotel by Marriott Kampala

Thursday, 20 February

- 8 a.m.– 9.00 a.m. Arrival and Registrations
- 9.00 a.m.– 9.10 a.m. Introductions
By Ms. Habiba Ben Barka, Chief of Africa Section, UNCTAD
- 9.10 a.m.– 9.20 a.m. Welcoming remarks
By Ms. Lynette B. Bagonza, Permanent Secretary
- 9.20 a.m.– 9.30 a.m. Opening remarks
By Mr. Leonard Zulu, UN Resident Coordinator
- 9.30 a.m.– 9.50 a.m. Opening remarks
By H.E. Mr. Mwebesa Francis, Minister of Trade Industry and
Cooperatives

- 9.50 a.m.– 10.10 a.m. Photo Session and Media
- 10.10 a.m.– 10.30 a.m. Coffee break
- 10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Overview of the Ministry mandate, functions and program/initiatives of the Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives
By Dr. Joshua Mutambi, PhD, Commissioner Processing and Marketing
- 11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Presentation on UNCTAD’s Project on enhancing SMEs participation in regional value and supply chains and zoom in on UNCTAD’s cross-border trade Mobile application
By Anja Slany, UNCTAD
- 11.30 a.m.– 12 p.m. “Leveraging digital technologies and innovative financing for MSME integration into regional and global value chains: The potential of the AfCFTA”
By Mr. Benjamin Mattondo, UNCTAD
- 12 p.m.– 12.30 p.m. “Opportunities and challenges of Ugandan SMEs in Regional Value Chains “, presentation of the preliminary findings of UNCTAD’s study
By Ms. Birce Akay, UNCTAD
- 12.30 p.m.– 1.30 p.m. Interactive Session: Contributions from participants
Moderator: Mr. Benjamin Mattondo, UNCTAD
- 1.30 p.m.– 1.45 p.m. Summary of discussions and next steps
By Mr. Christopher Matsiko, MTIC
- 1.45 p.m.- 3 p.m. Networking lunch and Closure

