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in collaboration with ILEAP and AfDB
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Lusaka, Zambia**

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Day 1: Thursday, 29 March 2012

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:30 Agenda Item 1: Opening Ceremony

- Opening Remarks by African Union
- Statement by the Representative of AfDB
- Statement by the Representative of ILEAP
- Statement by COMESA Secretariat
- Welcome address by Representative of Government of Zambia

09:30 - 09:45 Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda and Organisation of Work

09:45 - 10:45 Agenda Item 3: Overview on services trade and integration in Africa

- Presentations by representatives of:
 - AUC
 - ILEAP

10:45 - 11:00 Networking and Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 - 13:00 Agenda Item 4: REC experiences on Trade in Services

- Presentations by representatives of:
 - SADC, EAC, ESA, ECOWAS, ECCAS,
 - UMA, CEN-SAD, COMESA

13:00 - 14: 00 Lunch Break

14: 00 - 15:00 Agenda Item 4: REC experiences on Trade in Services

- Discussions

15:00 - 18:00 Agenda Item 5: Private sector experiences in developing services Industries and trade in services

- Presentations by representatives of:
 - COMESA Business Council
 - Private Sector Companies to be Confirmed

15:45 - 16:00 Networking and Coffee/Tea Break

Day 2, Friday, 30 March 2012

09:00 - 11:00 Agenda Item 6: Mainstreaming trade in services into regional and national development plans

- Presentations by representatives of:
 - Government of Zambia
 - CEMAC
 - UNCTAD

11:00 - 11:15 *Networking and Coffee/Tea Break*

11:15 - 12:30 Agenda item 7: Technical assistance and capacity building programmes on trade in services

- Presentations by representatives of:
 - GIZ/SADC
 - USIAD Trade Hub
 - World Bank
 - ILEAP

12:30 - 13:30 Agenda Item 8: Way Forward on strengthening the services agenda in Africa

- Panellists
 - AUC
 - AfDB
 - ILEAP

13:30 - 15:00 *Lunch break*

15:00 - 17:00 *Preparation of the report of the workshop*

17:00 - 17:30 Agenda Item 9: Adoption of the Report of the Workshop

17:30 - 18:00 Agenda item 10: Closing Ceremony

- Brief closing statements by AUC, AfDB, ILEAP and COMESA Secretariat
- Closing Remarks by Representative of the Government of Zambia