

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME for EAC STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING  
THE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN REGIONAL TRADE-RELATED PROCESSES**

| <b>TIME</b>                          | <b>SESSION</b>  |
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| <b>16 November 2008-10-30</b>        |   |
| 5:00 – 8:00                          | Participant Arrivals  |
| 8:00 - 10:00                         | Dinner  |
| <b>17 November 2008</b>              |   |
| 8:30 – 9:00                          | Registration  |
|                                      | Opening Session – By: (Board Chair – SEATINI Uganda)  |
| 9:00 – 9:45                          | Opening Remarks ( SEATINI)  |
| 9:45 – 10:30                         | Key Note Address By representative East African Community, The Republic of Uganda   |
| 10:30 – 11:00                        | Tea Break   |
| 11:00– 11:45                         | The current state of play in Common Market negotiations( EA secretariat)  |
| 11:45 – 12.30                        | The current state of play of EAC-EU EPA negotiations( MTI)  |
| 12:30 – 1:15                         | The state of play of WTO negotiations (SEATINI-Uganda)  |
| 1:15 – 2:15                          | Lunch Break   |
|                                      | <b>Session 2</b>  |
| 2:15 – 3:00                          | EAC relations with COMESA and an update on EAC/COMESA/SADC FTA (EAC secretariat)  |
| 3:00 – 3:45                          | EAC Regional Integration: Evaluation of structures for non-state stake holders participation in EAC processes ( EAC law society)        |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> November 2008</b> |   |
|                                      | <b>Session 3</b>  |
| 9:00 – 9:30                          | Participation of NGOs in regional integration processes and its challenges- Civil Society (Rwanda)                                      |
| 9:30 – 10:00                         | Participation of NGOs in regional integration processes and its challenges- Civil Society (Burundi)                                     |
| 10:00- 10:30                         | Participation of NGOs in regional integration processes and its challenges- Civil Society (Kenya)                                       |
| 10:30- 11:00                         | Participation of NGOs in regional integration processes and its challenges- Civil Society (Tanzania)                                    |
| 11:00- 11:30                         | Tea Break   |
| 11:30- 12:00                         | Participation of NGOs in regional integration processes and its challenges- Civil Society (Uganda)                                      |
| 12:00- 12:30                         | Participation of Private Sector in regional integration processes and its challenges- Private Sector( Private Sector Foundation Uganda) |
| 12:30 – 1:00                         | An update from The Africa Trade Network, its work and challenges (Africa Trade Network)   |
| 1:00 - 2:00                          | Lunch   |
|                                      | <b>Session 4</b>  |
| 2:00 – 3:30                          | Proposals/Strategy and actions for CSOs participation in regional trade processes (CSOs)  |
| 3:30 - 4:00                          | Closing Remarks   |
| 4:00 – 8:00                          | Participant Departures  |