



**14<sup>th</sup> Annual United States-Sub-Saharan Africa  
 Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum (AGOA Forum)  
 CSO Session  
 of the  
 AGOA FORUM**

**August 24-27, 2015  
 Libreville, Gabon**

**Theme: AGOA at 15: “Civil Society Organizations Working  
 to Chart a Course for a Sustainable  
 U.S.-Africa Trade and Investment Partnership”**

**MON., AUGUST 24, 2015**

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Advance Registration (Badge Pick-up)  
 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm AGOA: Annual Country Review for Eligibility Compliance  
 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Trade Facilitation, and Transportation Linkages: Vehicles for  
 Enhancing Competitiveness  
 Opening Exhibit Floor

**TUE., AUGUST 25, 2015**

7:30 am – 8:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast  
 8:00 am – 9:15 am Joint Opening Ceremony - Civil Society, Private Sector and  
 African Women Entrepreneurs Program (AWEP)  
 9:30 am -10:45 am PANEL I: AGOA Extension and Enhancement Act of 2015:  
 OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES  
 11:00 am – 12:15 pm PANEL II: Textiles and Apparel - OPTIMIZING THIRD  
 COUNTRY FABRIC PROVISION  
 11:00 am – 12:15 pm Doing Business in America and Africa Workshop  
 12:30 -1:45 pm LUNCHEON  
 2:00 – 3:15 pm PANEL III: Strengthening Micro Small Medium Enterprise  
 Value Chain  
 3:00 – 4:45 pm Doing Business in America and Africa Workshop  
 3:30 - 4:45 pm PANEL IV: Mentoring and Leadership Development for  
 Women and for Young Entrepreneurs  
 5:00 - 6:30 pm PANEL V: Recommendations/Communiqué/  
 Press Conference  
 5:00 -7:30 pm VIP Reception (Hosted by Private Sector in Lunch Tent)

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For additional information on how to participate in the Civil Society Organization  
 Session, please contact Annette Smith at: [agoacsonet@democracy-africa.org](mailto:agoacsonet@democracy-africa.org)

African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) legislation mandates that the United States and member countries regularly engage in trade and investment policy discussions at the annual Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum, known as the AGOA Forum. This event brings together senior officials from the United States and AGOA member countries, as well as, civil society and private sector stakeholders, to discuss a broad range of trade and investment-related issues.

Interested stakeholders can find more information or register to participate in the Forum at:  
<http://agoa.ga>

**WED., AUGUST 26, 2015**

<b>8:00 - 8:30 am</b>	<b><i>Registration and Continental Breakfast &amp; Exhibit Floor Opens</i></b>
<b>8:45 - 10:15 am</b>	<b><i>Ministerial Opening Ceremony</i></b>
<b>10:45 - 10:55 am</b>	<b><i>Readout from African Trade Ministers Consultative Group</i></b>
<b>10:55 - 11:05 am</b>	<b><i>Readout from Civil Society, AWEP, and Private Sector</i></b>
<b>11:15 - 12:30 pm</b>	<b><i>PANEL VI: Workshop: Secretariat planned in- country consultations on recommendations from the 2015 Forum</i></b>
<b>12:45 - 2:00 pm</b>	<b><i>LUNCHEON</i></b>
<b>2:15 - 5:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Doing Business in America and Africa Workshop</i></b>
<b>2:15 - 5:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Site Visits</i></b>
<b>5:30 -6:30 pm</b>	<b><i>Visit Trade Exhibition (On outdoor stadium track)</i></b>
<b>6:30 -8:30 pm</b>	<b><i>U.S. Government Reception (Hosted by U.S. Ambassador Cynthia Akuetteh in Lunch Tent)</i></b>

**THUR., AUGUST 27, 2015**

<b>8:00 - 9:00 am</b>	<b><i>Continental Breakfast &amp; Exhibit Floor Opens</i></b>
<b>12:15 - 4:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Attend Open Ministerial Panels</i></b>
<b>12:15 - 4:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Doing Business in America and Africa Workshop</i></b>
<b>4:00 - 4:45 pm</b>	<b><i>Closing Ceremony</i></b>
<b>5:15 - 7:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Closing Reception at Botanical Gardens</i></b>

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