



**CONTINENTAL SEMINAR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN  
CENTRAL BANKS (AACB) FOR THE YEAR 2019**

**ON THE THEME:**

*'Renewed Protectionist Tendencies: Some Implications for Macroeconomic Policy in Africa'*

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***Venue:*** *Intercontinental Resort*  
*(Balaclava, Mauritius, 6 - 8 May 2019)*

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**AGENDA**

**MONDAY, 06 MAY 2019**

<b>08: 30 – 09: 00</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>09: 00 – 09: 30</b>	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>
09: 00 – 09: 05	Address by Mr. Papa Lamine Diop, Executive Secretary, Association of African Central Banks (AACB)
09: 05 – 09: 15	Opening speech by Honourable Yandraduth Googoolye, Governor of the Bank of Mauritius
09: 15 – 09: 45	Coffee / tea break and group photo with Bank of Mauritius Authorities
<b>09: 45 – 13: 00</b>	<b><u>Plenary Session I: First day (Morning)</u></b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chairperson:</b> National Bank of Rwanda</li> </ul>
<b>09: 45 – 10: 45</b>	<b><u>Sub-theme 1:</u></b> <i>'Mitigating the Impact of Rising Protectionist Tendencies: Role of Central Banks and the Continental Free Trade Area in Promoting Intra-African Trade'</i>
09: 45 – 10: 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Abdoul Aziz Wane, Director of the Africa Training Institute and Coordinator of AFRITAC South, International Monetary Fund</li> </ul>
10: 15 – 10: 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> South African Reserve Bank</li> </ul>
10: 25 – 10: 45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussions</b></li> </ul>
<b>10: 45 – 11: 45</b>	<b><u>Sub-theme 2:</u></b> <i>'Trade War and Protectionist Tendencies: Implications on External Sector Performance in Africa'</i>
10: 45 – 11: 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> Mr. Neetyanand Kowlessur, Chief, Economic Analysis &amp; Research and Statistics, Bank of Mauritius</li> </ul>
11: 15 – 11: 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Banky Foiben'i Madagasikara</li> </ul>
11: 25 – 11: 45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussions</b></li> </ul>
<b>11: 45 – 12: 45</b>	<b><u>Sub-theme 3:</u></b> <i>'Protectionist Trends Around the World: Prospects for Monetary Integration in Africa'</i> (to be presented by videoconference)
11: 45 – 12: 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> Mr. Björn Van Roye Principal Economist, External Developments Division European Central Bank</li> </ul>
12: 15 – 12: 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Bank of Sierra Leone</li> </ul>
12: 25 – 12: 45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussions</b></li> </ul>
12: 45 – 13:00	Summary by the Chairperson

<p><b>13: 00 – 14: 00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>14: 00 – 18: 00</b></p> <p>14: 00 – 14: 20</p> <p>14: 20 – 14: 40</p> <p>14: 40 – 15: 00</p> <p>15:00 – 15: 20</p> <p>15: 20 – 15: 40</p> <p>15: 40 – 16: 00</p> <p>16: 00 – 16: 20</p> <p>16: 20 – 16: 40</p> <p>16: 40 – 17:00</p> <p>17: 00 – 17: 20</p> <p>17: 20 – 17: 50</p> <p>17: 50 – 18: 00</p> <p><b>18: 30</b></p>	<p><b><u>Plenary Session II: First day (afternoon)-Presentations of experiences of AACB Central Banks</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chairperson: Mr. Jitendra Bissessur, Bank of Mauritius</b></li> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Banque Centrale des Comores</li> <li>- Central Bank of Liberia</li> <li>- Banque Centrale du Congo</li> <li>- Bank of Zambia</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Discussant: Reserve Bank of Malawi</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Coffee / tea break</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BCEAO</li> <li>- Bank of Botswana</li> <li>- BEAC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Discussant : Bank of Ghana</b></li> </ul> <p>Discussions</p> <p>Summary of the Chairperson</p> <p><b>Dinner</b></p>

**TUESDAY 07 MAY 2019**

<b>08: 30 – 13: 00</b>	<p><b>Second Day (Morning): Break-out Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Coordinator</u> : Central Bank of Egypt</b></li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">✓ <b><u>Break-out Session 1</u></b></p> <p><i>'Implications of Rising Protectionist Tendencies for Macroeconomic Policy and Monetary Integration in Africa'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairperson: Central Bank of Nigeria</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">✓ <b><u>Break-out Session 2</u></b></p> <p><i>'Renewed Protectionist Tendencies: Opportunities and Challenges for Intra-African Trade in the Context of the African Continental Free Trade Area'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairperson: Bank of Tanzania</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">✓ <b><u>Break-out Session 3</u></b></p> <p><i>'Trade War and Growing Protectionism: Impact on Trade and Financial Flows in African Economies'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairperson: Central Bank of Lesotho</b></p>
08: 30 – 10: 30	Break-out Sessions
10: 30 – 10: 45	Coffee / tea break
10: 45 – 13: 00	Break-out Sessions
<b>13: 00 – 14: 00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14: 00 – 17: 30</b>	<b>Second day (Afternoon): Feedback on break-out Sessions</b>
14: 00 – 16: 00	Feedback on break-out Sessions
16: 00 – 16: 15	Coffee / tea break
16: 15 – 17: 30	Feedback on break-out Sessions

**WEDNESDAY 08 MAY 2019**

<b>08: 30 – 13: 00</b>	<b>Third day (Morning): Drafting of the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Chairperson</u>: Central Bank of Egypt</b></li></ul>
08: 30 – 10: 30	Drafting of the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar
10: 30 – 10: 45	Coffee / tea break
10: 45 – 13: 00	Drafting of the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar
<b>13: 00 – 14: 00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14: 00 – 15: 30</b>	<b>Third day (Afternoon): Adoption of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Seminar, and Closing Ceremony</b>
14: 00 – 15: 00	Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar
<b>15: 00 – 15: 30</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>
15: 00 – 15: 15	Presentation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Speaker</u></b>: One of the Rapporteurs of the break-out Sessions</li></ul>
15: 15 – 15: 20	Vote of thanks read by a participant
15: 20 – 15: 30	Closing speech by Mr. Jitendra Bissessur, Bank of Mauritius
<b>15: 30 – 18: 00</b>	<b>Shopping at La Croisette, Grand Bay</b>