



COMESA-EAC-SADC TRIPARTITE

Annex 4

ROADMAP FOR THE TRIPARTITE TWG-TRADE IN SERVICES

No	Issue to be considered	Activities	Timeframe	Responsibilities	Remarks
1.	Development of Modalities for the Tripartite negotiations on Trade in Services	Finalize the draft Modalities for the Tripartite negotiations on Trade in Services	18-27 Sept 2019	3 rd TWG	Draft Modalities finalized and to be submitted to the TTNF for consideration
2.	Selection of priority sectors for the negotiations	Undertake national and REC consultations based on the identified sectors during the 3 rd TWG meeting	Sept – Oct 2019	MS/PS or REC	
		Finalize the selection of the 7 out 9 priority sectors at 4 th TWG	Dec 2019	4 th TWG	The 4 th TWG to recommend to TTNF the selected 7 priority sectors

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3.	Development of the Tripartite Protocol on Trade in Services	Undertake national and RECs consultations on the 1 st Draft Protocol	Sept/Oct 2019	MS/PS and RECs	
		Letter reminding MS/PS to submit comments on the 1 st Draft Protocol, as considered during the 3 rd TWG meeting.	11 Oct 2019	TTF	
		MS/PS and RECs to submit their comments on the 1 st Draft Protocol to the TTF	1 Nov 2019	MS/PS and RECs	
4.	Develop Guidelines for Negotiations on Schedules of Commitments & Regulatory Frameworks	Consideration of the 1 st Draft Protocol	TBC	4 th TWG	The 2 nd draft Protocol developed
		Consider the 2 nd draft Protocol	TBD	5 th TWG	Finalize and submit the draft Protocol to TTNF
		Identify key elements for the Guidelines	TBD	4 th TWG	
		Develop and circulate the draft Guidelines	TBD	TTF	Draft Guidelines for consideration by 5 th TWG
		Consider the Guidelines	TBD	5 th TWG	
		Finalize the Guidelines	TBD	6 th TWG	Submit the draft Guideline to TTNF
5.	Development of Annexes on Regulatory Frameworks		To be finalized by July 2021		

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6.	Sensitization and awareness building on the trade in services issues		TBD	Continuous and upon request	
7.	Development of Schedules of Specific Commitments		To be finalized by July 2021		
8.	Capacity building for the negotiations and implementation		TBD	Continuous and upon request	
9.	Develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism		TBD		

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