## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### For the

## ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE THE 2025 BENEFITS OF THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (AGOA)

# Hosted Virtually by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative 1724 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

## 10:00 a.m., June 27, 2024

## Program and Witness List

#### 10:00 am Introduction and Welcome

Jeremy Streatfeild, Director for African Affairs and Chair of the AGOA Implementation Subcommittee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

AGOA Implementation Subcommittee representatives participating in the hearing:

- Anna Berger, International Relations Officer, Office of Trade and Labor Affairs, Department of Labor
- Deborah Crane, Director, Africa Office, Department of Treasury
- Bob Manogue, Director, Office of Bilateral Trade Affairs, Department of State
- Anusha Chari, Senior Economist, Council of Economic Advisers

#### 10:10 am Hearing Testimony and Questioning

#### Panel 1

- Schuyler 'Rocky' Reidel, Managing Attorney, Reidel Law Firm
- Dr. Olivier Kamanzi, Chairman and CEO, Africa Global Chamber of Commerce (AGCC)
- **Rev. Cody Lorance,** Trade Representative to the United States, Republic of Uganda and Co-CEO, Endiro Coffee
- Henrietta Wamala, President Emeritus, Ugandan North American Association and Ugandan Diaspora Advocate on Trade, Tourism & Investment

#### Panel 2

• Hon. Mursal M. Khaliff, Ph.D., Member of the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Somalia and Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on US Congress Relations

- Dr. Karl Von Batten, FRSPH, Managing Partner, Von Batten-Montague-York, L.C.
- Dr. Dawit Kassa, Director, EASE, Ethiopia
- Robel Alemu, Director of Communications, Amhara Association of America

#### Panel 3

- Amielle Pelenne Niriniavisoa Marceda, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Madagascar
- Narainduth Boodhoo, Director of Trade Policy, Director of Trade Policy, International Trade Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Mauritius
- Theuns Du Buisson, Economic Researcher, Solidariteit

#### Panel 4

- Julia K. Hughes, President, United States Fashion Industry Association (USFIA)
- Kevin Rosenbaum, Executive Director, The International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA)
- Brian Scarpelli, Senior Global Policy Counsel, ACT | The App Association

## **Conclusion of Hearing**