

**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 2027 BENEFITS OF THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND
OPPORTUNITY ACT (AGOA)**

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

10:00 a.m., July 23, 2026

Program and Witness List 10:00 am Introduction and Welcome

Osvaldo Gómez Martínez, PhD, Acting Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Office of African Affairs, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

AGOA Implementation Subcommittee representatives participating in the hearing:

- **Alyssa Morris**, Africa Trade Officer, Economic Bureau's Office of Bilateral Trade Affairs, Department of State
- **Will L'Estrange**, Senior Trade Advisor, Office of Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Bonnie Resnick**, International Economist, Office of Trade and Investment Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- **Crispin Rigby**, Senior International Relations Officer, U.S. Department of Labor
- **Giancarlo Cavallo**, Acting Director, Office of Africa, U.S. Department of Commerce

Hearing Testimony and Questioning

Panel 1 (10:05 am – 10:50 am)

- **Dr. Charles O. Ogutu**, Founder & CEO, Crisis Intel LLC
- **Tewodrose Tirfe**, Chairman, Amhara Association of America (AAA)
- **Dr. Ngoie Joel Nshisso**, AGOA advisor to Congo DRC Foreign Trade Minister, U.S. Liaison Office
- **Fred Oladeinde**, Chairman, AGOA Civil Society Organization

Panel 2 (10:50 am – 11:30 am)

- **Alicia Koch**, Director of Global Ethanol Export Development, U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council (USGBC)
- **Stephen Lande**, President, Manchester Trade Limited Inc (MTL)
- **Laird Treiber**, Director of Trade and Investment Programs, Corporate Council on Africa (CCA)
- **H.E. Constancia A. Gaspar**, AU Ambassador to the US, African Union Representational Mission to the United States (AU)

Panel 3 (11:30 am – 12:10 pm)

- **William Fanjoy**, Vice President, U.S. Africa Trade Desk (USATD)
- **Audrey Clark**, Trade and Transportation Specialist, American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)
- **Julia Hughes**, President, U.S. Fashion Industry Association (USFIA)
- **Brian Scarpelli**, Senior Global Policy Counsel, Association for Competitive Technology (ACT)

Conclusion of Hearing