

MODULE TWO

TRADE POLICY AND SOUTH AFRICA

Theme: Regional Integration in Africa and the AfCFTA



WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

- To introduce participants to the theory and practice of international trade;
- To gain insight from South Africa's bilateral relations with the European Union, United States and China and evaluate the changing global dynamics and implications for South Africa and the African Continent as a whole;
- To focus on the African Growth and Opportunity Act, or AGOA, to provide participants with insights into the actual world of negotiations and what could be learnt from the SA-US AGOA negotiations;
- To gain insight into the political economy of Africa's regional trade integration including the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) and African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) negotiations;
- To simulate the SACU trade negotiations with the aim to draw on lessons on the challenges and opportunities of regional integration; and
- To simulate a World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiation and gain insight into the workings of the multilateral trading system.



OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP

Provide students with new and deep insights into an actual trade negotiation that will facilitate a discussion on:

- The role of power relations between players in trade negotiations and how this power is used in the process of the negotiations;
- An overview of the changing global trade architecture and South Africa's relations with key bilateral trading partners;
- How ideas/language/narratives/research are used to advance particular interests and negotiating objectives of the dominant players; and
- Alternative approaches to trade negotiations and outcomes that are more equitable and development-oriented



9 - 11 July 2025

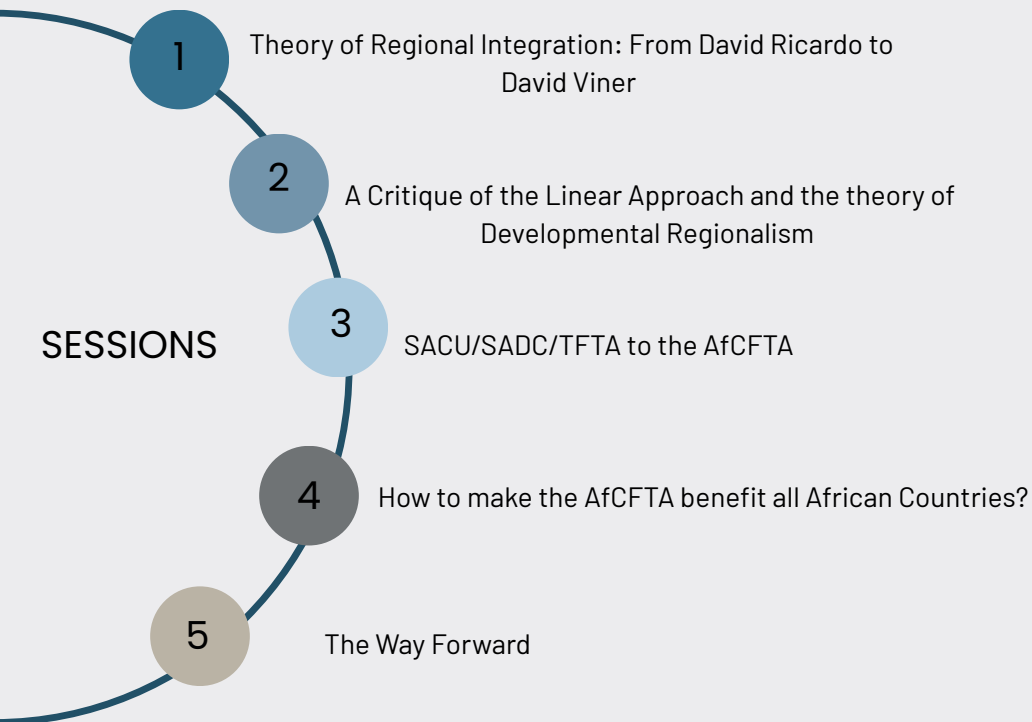


R12,500 (vat incl)
per delegate



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THE MODULE WILL HAVE 5 SESSIONS



The course will be facilitated over **THREE MODULES.**

1. The first module will focus on multilateral trade issues (28-30 May 2025)
2. The second module will focus on regional integration in Africa (9 -11 July 2025)
3. The third module will focus on bilateral trade negotiations (29-31 October 2025)



COURSE FACILITATOR



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Faizel has a PhD in Politics from Manchester University and a Masters in Philosophy in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton. He also holds an LLB and a BA degree from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He is the author of three books on the WTO and has published numerous articles in international journals and books.