

## Egypt -Africa Business Roundtable, “The role of Egypt in the Implementation of the AfCFTA”

**Date:** 17 June 2022

**Venue:** St. Regis Almasa Hotel Conference Center

TIME	Event
09:30 AM	<b>ARRIVAL &amp; REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS</b>
Moderator Yusuf Daya, Director AU/AfCFTA Relations and Trade Policy	
10:00 AM	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> by Mrs. Kanayo Awani, Managing Director, Intra-African Trade Initiative, Afreximbank
10:20 AM	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b> by Dr El-Sharkawi, Egyptian African Businessmen’s Association, Chairman
10:30 AM	<p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <p>Moderator: Yusuf Daya, Director AU/AfCFTA Relations and Trade Policy</p> <p><i>The ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis, which escalated into a full-blown war is having a significant impact on global and African supply chains. Africa’s real GDP growth is projected to contract by 0.7 percentage points and inflation is expected to rise by 2.2 percentage points, pushing more people into food insecurity and poverty.</i></p> <p><i>Similar impact was experienced during Covid 19, were GDP contracted and global supply chains disrupted demonstrating the exposure of African economies to external shocks. These events have demonstrated Africa’s exposure given its continued dependance on external trade which accounts for 84% of total African trade.</i></p> <p><i>The AfCFTA provides an opportunity to change both the direction and content of African trade and will help reduce exposure of Africa to external shocks.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Eng. Abir Leheta, CEO Egytrans, Head of EABA African Women’s Committee</li><li>2. Eng. Hussein Fouad El Ghazzawy, Head of Energy Committee at Egyptian African Businessmen’s Association</li></ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Mr. Karim El-Barkouky, Afrigate LLC, Vice Head of the EABA Export Committee</li> <li>4. AfCFTA Secretariat (tbc)</li> <li>5. Otega Ogra, Director Corporate Affairs and communications BUA Group,</li> <li>6. Mr. Ayman El-Zoghby, Head Trade and Corporate Finance</li> </ul>
11:30 AM	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
11:50	<b>Concluding Remarks and Communique</b> by Moderator, Yusuf Daya, Director AU/AfCFTA Relations and Trade Policy
11: 55 AM	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> by Dr Amany Asfour, Africa Business Council
12:00 – 13:00AM	<b>NETWORKING &amp; BUSINESS ENGAGEMENTS</b> Business Introductions, Business-to-Business Exchanges, Networking