

**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 2026 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 18, 2025**

**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:

- **Alyssa Morris**, Economic Bureau's Office of Bilateral Trade Affairs, Department of State
- **Will L'Estrange**, Senior Trade Advisor, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Yi Yang**, International Economist, Trade and Investment Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury

## **10:05 am Hearing Testimony and Questioning**

### **Panel 1**

- **Ndiitah Nghipondoka-Robiati**, Executive Director of Trade, Ministry of International Relations and Trade, Republic of Namibia
- **Dr. Ngoie Joel Nshisso**, AGOA Consultant to Foreign Trade Minister of Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **Dr. Olivier Kamanzi**, Co-Founder & Chairman, Africa Global Chamber of Commerce

### **Panel 2**

- **Sydney Blitman**, International Copyright Policy Counsel, International Intellectual Property Alliance
- **Matthew Parks**, Parliamentary Coordinator, Congress of South Africa Trade Unions
- **Fred Oladeinde**, President, Foundation for Democracy in Africa and Chairman, AGOA Civil Society Organization Network

### **Panel 3**

- **Maria Zieba**, Vice President of Government Affairs, National Pork Producers Council
- **Alicia Koch**, Director of Global Ethanol Export Development, U.S. Grains Council
- **Julia Hughes**, President, U.S. Fashion Industry Association
- **Wayne Milano**, Senior Vice President of Sourcing and Product Development, Catalyst Brands
- **Beth Hughes**, Vice President, American Apparel & Footwear Association

## **Conclusion of Hearing**