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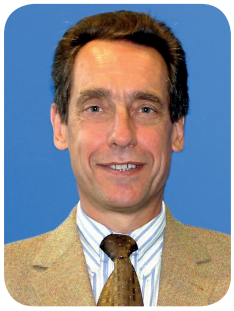

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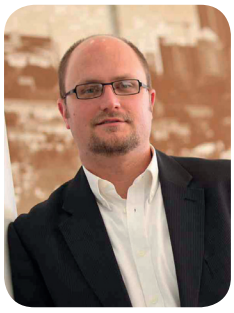

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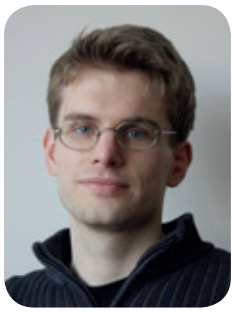
Mr Kalenga has gained extensive experience on regional trade integration issues in Southern Africa in various governments as well as research and academic institutions in the region. He received his undergraduate and graduate training at the University of the Western Cape, the University of Cape Town and the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, UK) in international trade and economic policy.



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