



RESILIENT GRAIN MARKETS: **UNLOCKING AFRICA'S FOOD SECURITY POTENTIAL**

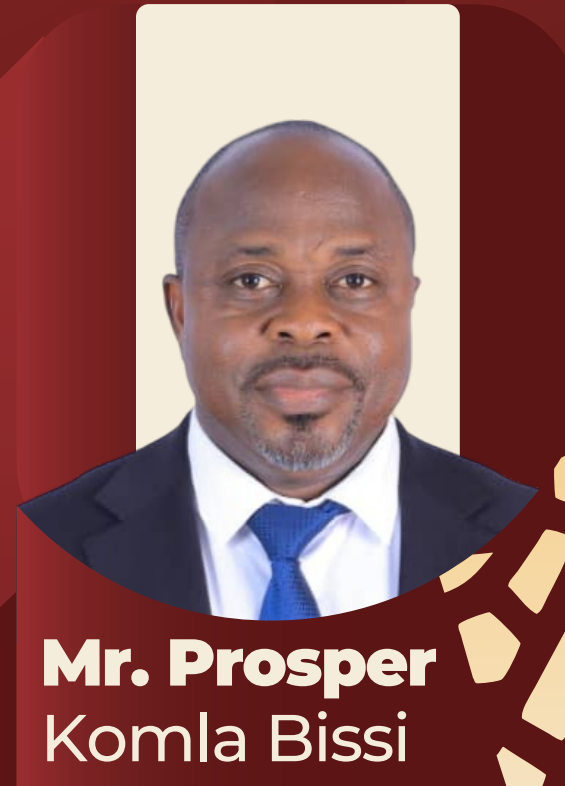
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Main Session 1

High-Level Grain Trade Media Dialogue.

From agreement to action: Will AfCFTA deliver resilient grain markets and food security for Africa?

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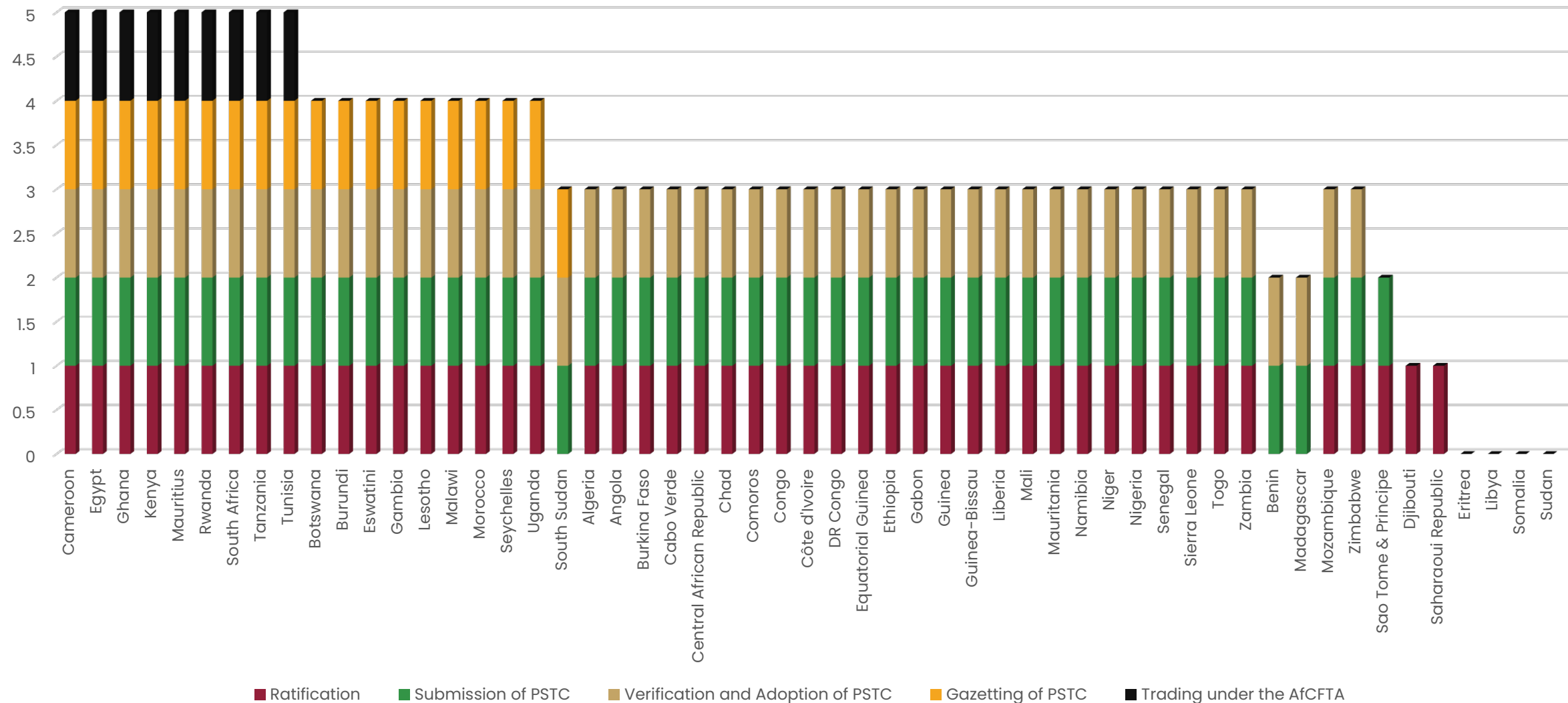
**Resilient grain markets,
resilient Africa: Can
AfCFTA's \$3.4 trillion market
reduce the \$48 billion food
import bill and deliver food
security?**

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Implementation of the AfCFTA from 2022 to date

Compliance Steps completed by AfCFTA Member States

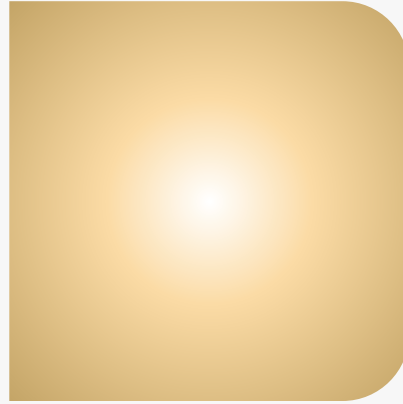


Provisions from the AfCFTA Agreement



Protocol on Trade in Goods

The Protocol addresses Schedules of Tariff Concessions, **rules of Origin, customs and trade facilitation, NTBs, TBTs SPS, competition.**

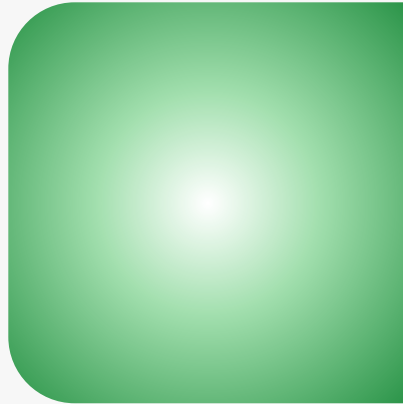


Protocol on Digital Trade

aimed at **harmonizing regulations, promoting cross-border data flows, and creating a secure digital ecosystem** to foster intra-African digital trade and economic growth

Protocol on Trade in Services

The Protocol prioritizes five key sectors—financial, communications, **transport, tourism, and business services**—for liberalization, aiming to enhance competitiveness and economic growth within the continent.



Protocol on Women and youth

remove barriers and fosters the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women and youth in intra-African trade through **access to finance, access to markets and information**

Implementation of the GTI from 2022 to 2024 – **when phase 2 was successfully completed**



2022 : 8 State Parties

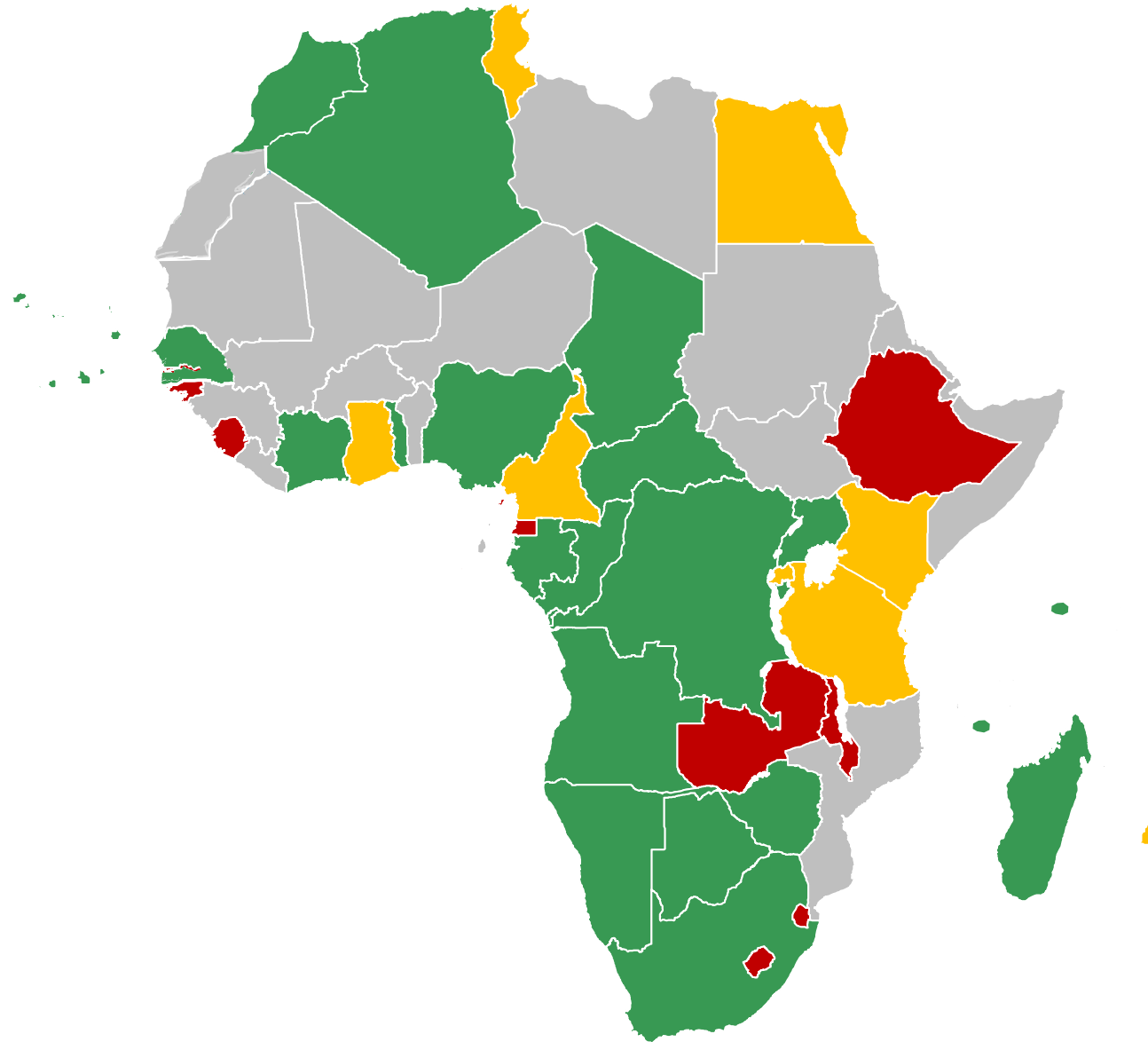
Cameroon, Ghana, Egypt, Kenya, Mauritius, Tanzania, Tunisia, Rwanda

2023 : 22 State Parties

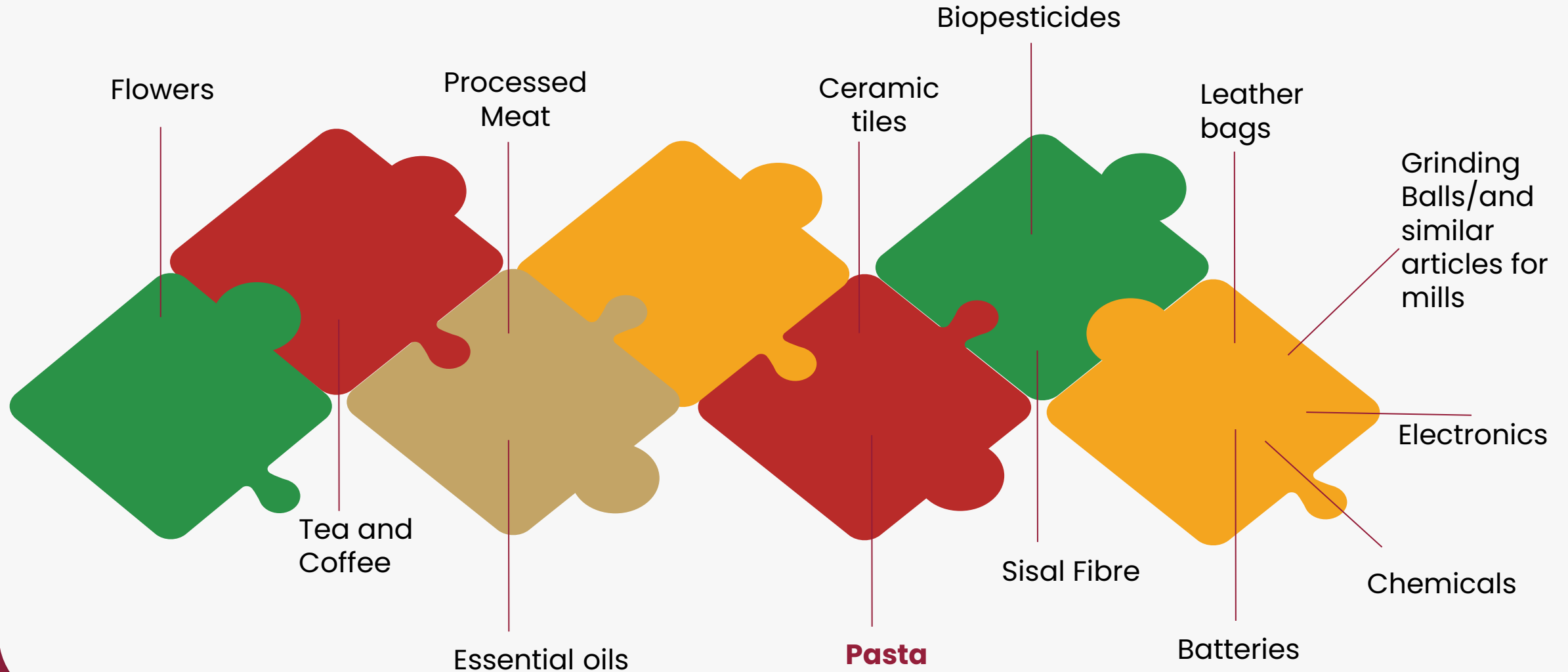
Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Congo Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Madagascar, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe

2024 : 39 State Parties

Ethiopia, Eswatini, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Zambia



Products traded under the GTI



Non-tariff Measures (NTMs) within the AfCFTA Context



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NTB Online Mechanism

AfCFTA online reporting app developed to assist in the resolution of NTBs – **tradebarriers.Africa**

The AfCFTA NTB Reporting Mobile Application developed to ensure reach for all private sector esp Informal cross border traders

Available on app store

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AfCFTA Mutual Recognition Agreement

Provides for **acceptance of conformity assessment** results across state parties on the continent.
Ensures **harmonization** of standards

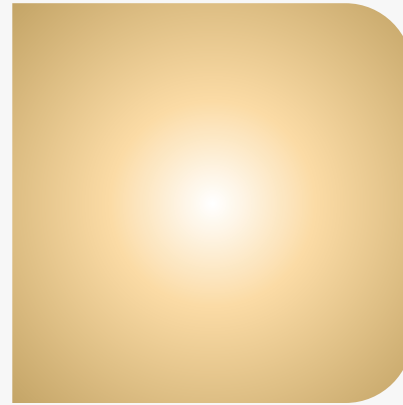
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SPS studies

- Economic Impact analysis for a selected value chain (Agro-processing)
- Baseline study on SPS import and export procedures Food Safety
- The development of the AfCFTA TBT and SPS Notification System is a priority.

Africa cannot feed itself

Despite vast natural resources abundant rain, fertile land, and sunshine—**Africa remains a net importer of food.**



However.....

International Food Policy Research Institute (2021) indicated that AfCFTA implementation could increase intra-African maize trade by up to **40% by 2030**

AfCFTA has the potential to increase intraAfrican trade by 15-25%. A significant proportion of this increase was attributed to Agriculture



Geopolitical tensions

Reciprocal tariffs
Uncertainty on AGOA

Creating One African Market

The AfCFTA is one of the flagship projects of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want. It is a high ambition trade agreement with a comprehensive scope that includes critical areas of Africa's economy, such as digital trade and investment protection, amongst other areas. By eliminating barriers to trade in Africa, the objective of the AfCFTA is to significantly boost intra-Africa trade, particularly trade in value-added production and trade across all sectors of Africa's economy.

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AU MEMBER STATES
SIGNED THE AfCFTA
AGREEMENT AS OF
JANUARY 2024

30M

MILLION PEOPLE WILL
POTENTIALLY BE LIFTED
OUT OF EXTREME
POVERTY

48

STATE PARTIES AS OF
OCTOBER, 2024

\$450B

INCOME BOOST IN
AFRICA BY 2035: A 7%
GAIN



**Can AfCFTA's \$3.4 trillion
market reduce the \$48 billion
food import bill and deliver
food security?**

YES!!!

The Article 3, of the AfCFTA Agreement aims to promote industrial development through diversification and regional value chain development, agricultural development and food security.

Priority Value Chains

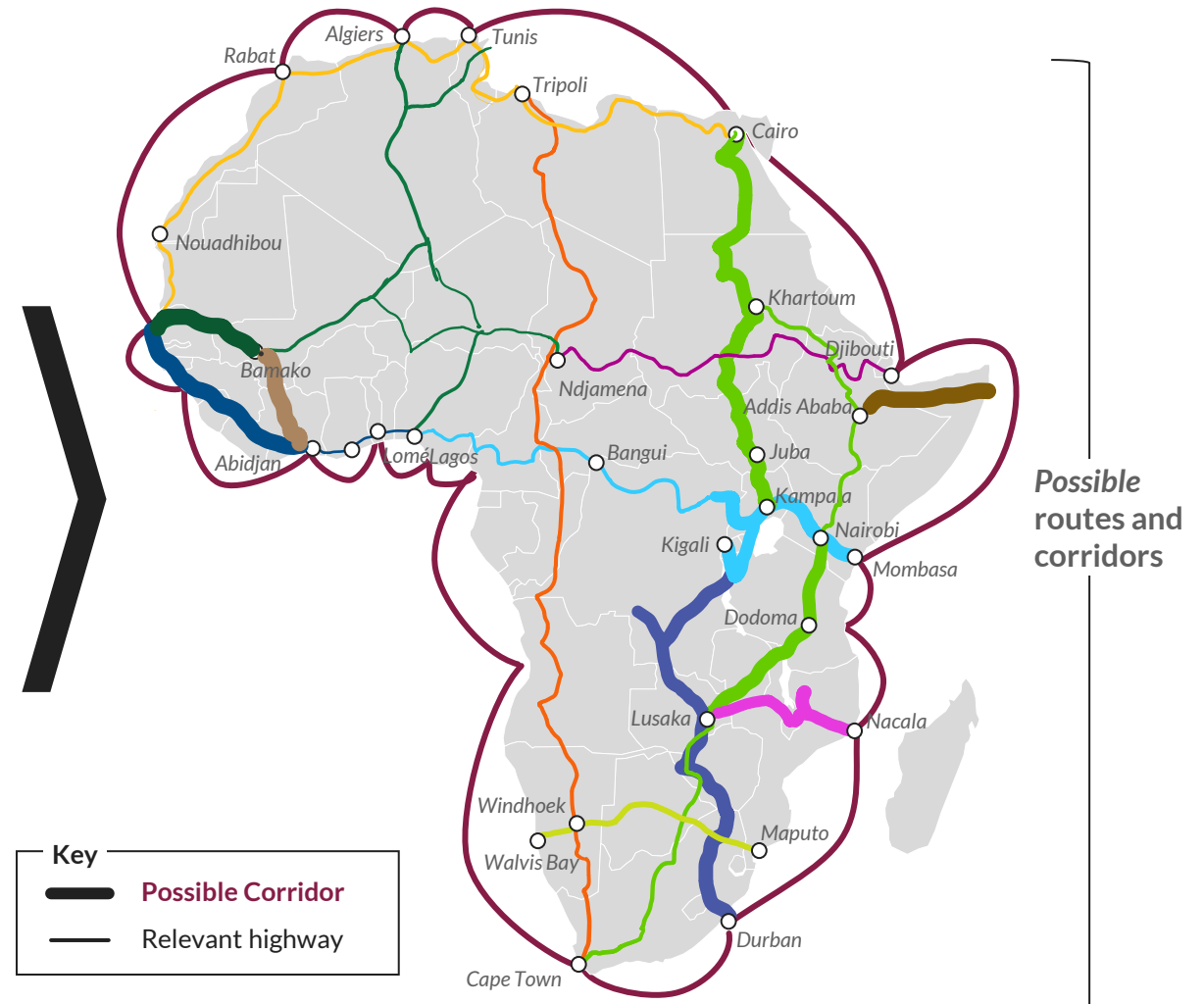
- ☐ ***Agriculture & Agro-processing***
- ☐ ***Pharmaceuticals***
- ☐ ***Automotive***
- ☐ ***Transport and Logistics***



Value chains were filtered based on potential to increase trade or reduce reliance on imports from rest of world

AfCFTA Agritrade Action Plan prioritized maize, rice, soya, fruits & vegetables, palm oil, meat, fish, cotton, coffee and cocoa and identified priority bilateral opportunities that can be connected through several routes and corridors

Selected bilateral opportunities	
 Maize	• South Africa to Zimbabwe • Zambia to Kenya
 Rice	• Tanzania to Uganda • Tanzania to Rwanda
 Soya	• Malawi to Mozambique • South Africa to Zimbabwe
 Fruits & Vegetables	• Egypt to Morocco • Ethiopia to Somalia
 Palm Oil	• Liberia to Côte d'Ivoire • Côte d'Ivoire to Mali
 Meat	• Namibia to Mozambique • South Africa to Lesotho
 Fish & its products	• Mauritania to Côte d'Ivoire • Morocco to Ghana



Grain overview in Africa

~173 Mio. t Consumption

~49 Mio. t loss | ~7 Bio \$ loss



Corn:

88 Mio. t production

15 Mio. t import

73 Mio. t consumption

30 Mio. t losses

Wheat

29 Mio. t production

52 Mio. t import

70 Mio. t consumption

11 Mio. t losses

Rice:

22 Mio. t production

16 Mio. t import

30 Mio. t consumption

8 Mio. t losses

Grain storage in Africa

~1 Month strategic grain reserve



~10%

~9%
loss

~22 Mio. t Storage



~41%

~25%
loss

~88 Mio. t bag storage



~54%

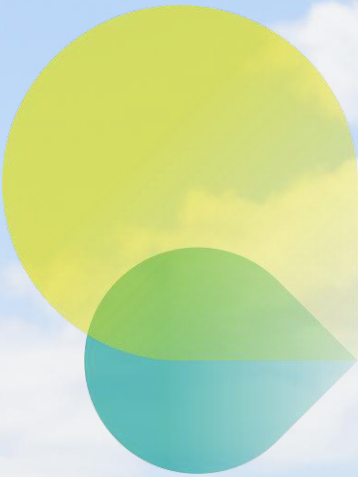
~36%
loss

~117 Mio. t bag shade



Grain losses in
Africa is a reality!





25% of crops worldwide are
contaminated with mycotoxins



Improved storage solutions



Innovative Technologies

Reduction of losses in the food supply chain



Agriculture

Storage

Transportation

Mill

Food processor

Retailer

Consumer

Increasing yield

Avoid & reduce contamination

Increase transparency

Build sustainable value chains

Partnerships

17 July 2022 , AfCFTA, Afreximbank and **WFP** have signed a **three-year MoU** to disburse **US\$2 billion** in farming loans and credit lines for to **farmers, agro-processors and commodity traders** by 2025 through Afreximbank lending instruments and blended **finance facilities** in support of AfCFTA Agreement and in contribution to addressing **food security** on the **continent** .



Conclusion



1

The legal framework of the AfCFTA is effective and operational

2

Efforts are required for the full domestication of the Agreement at the national level

3

Implementation of the regional value chains is critical to the full implementation of the AfCFTA Agreement

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Thank You

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