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**View on the AfCTFA rollout, the uptake, current benefits, and
long-term impact**

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The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): Creating a single market for goods, services, facilitated by movement of persons in order to deepen economic integration of the African continent



- 1) 2018, the agreement establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) was signed.
- 2) The AfCFTA agreement aims to provide broader and deeper economic integration across the continent as well as attract investment, boost trade, provide better jobs, reduce poverty and increase shared prosperity in Africa
- 3) **”Intended to transform Africa into ‘the global powerhouse of the future**
- 4) The AfCFTA will progressively eliminate tariffs on intra-Africa trade, making it easier for African businesses to trade within the continent and benefit from the growing African market

The Agreement establishing the AfCFTA has 6 protocols setting out specific agenda



AfCFTA Objectives



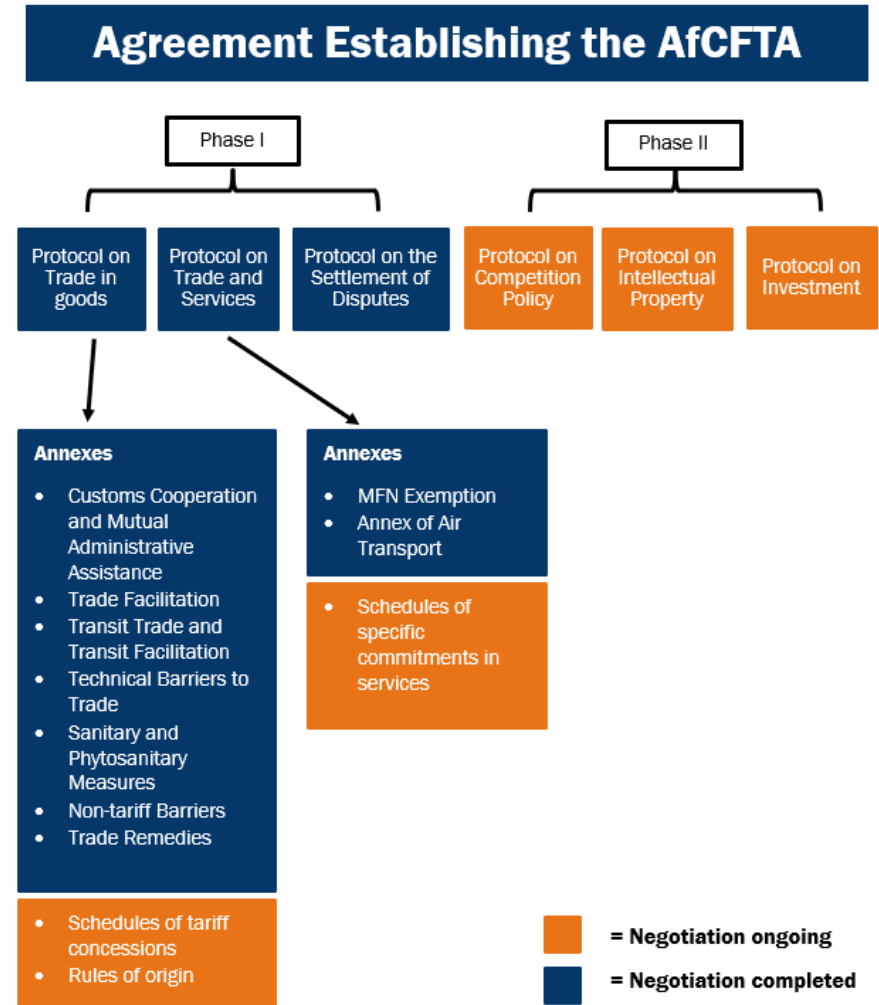
Trade in Goods

- Eliminate tariffs progressively
- Eliminate non-tariff barriers progressively
- Enhance the efficiency of customs procedures
- Improve cooperation on technical trade barriers
- Promote regional and continental value chains
- Accelerate the socio-economic development, diversification and industrialization of African economies



Trade in Services

- Enhance competitiveness
- Promote sustainable development
- Incentivize increased investment
- Progressively liberalize services trade



AFCFTA Operational Instruments



RULES OF ORIGIN
MANUAL

IATF® Intra-African
Trade Fair
2023

Operational tools of the AfCFTA



Rules of Origin

Criteria that confer to a specific product 'an economic nationality.' These rules determine the minimum level of processing of a product on the continent, in order that it benefits from advantages provided by the AfCFTA Agreement.



Online tariff negotiation portal

A tool that aims to facilitate and accelerate the harmonisation of data needed for negotiations and to support the preparation and submission of offers based on countries' priorities, in accordance with the tariff liberalisation schedule of the AfCFTA.



Non-tariff barriers mechanism

An online mechanism for the notification, monitoring and elimination of non-tariff barriers under the AfCFTA. The tool is accessible via <https://tradebarriers.africa/>



Pan-African payment and settlement platform

A digital payment system that will help companies to clear and settle intra-African trade transactions for goods and services in their local currencies.



African trade observatory

An online platform that will collect, process and analyse intra-African trade data and other related information.



Creating One African Market

- 1. What progress is Africa's free trade pact making in eliminating barriers to trade, deepening economic integration and driving forward the continent's development?*
- 2. What does this mean to our supply chains on the continent?*
- 3. What is the long term impact and the current benefits ?*

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