



Unlocking the Potential of Agro-Value Chains under the AfCFTA

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Africa's full agricultural potential remains untapped



- Inadequate agro-value chains in Africa contribute to low income and food insecurity, hindering the continent's potential for economic growth and development.
- CAADP and commitment by member States has demonstrated how important agriculture is to the continent's economic transformation.

Mapping Agro-value Chains under AfCFTA

Mapping the players that may take part in the development of agro RVCs is important in that it gives policymakers a workable tool to understand where to position national AfCFTA competitiveness strategies, as well as how to channel capacity-building for increased exports.



- To boost investments and productivity, intra-African trade and regional agro-value chains, some RECS (ECOWAS, SADC, ECCAS and EAC) have put in place regional agricultural policies to boost agricultural development.
- The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) has identified agribusiness as one of the sectors for developing RVCs for the soya bean; cocoa; livestock; leather value chains among others

Realising agriculture's full potential in Africa

- Agriculture' poor performance has often been due to underinvestment in physical, institutional, and human capital, as well as by attempts to bypass agriculture through isolated industrialisation.
- The right policy and regulatory framework crucial.

The AfCFTA can create more certainty in such environments as it can act as an overarching framework for opening markets and regulatory harmonisation