





Unlocking the Potential of Agro-Value Chains under the AfCFTA

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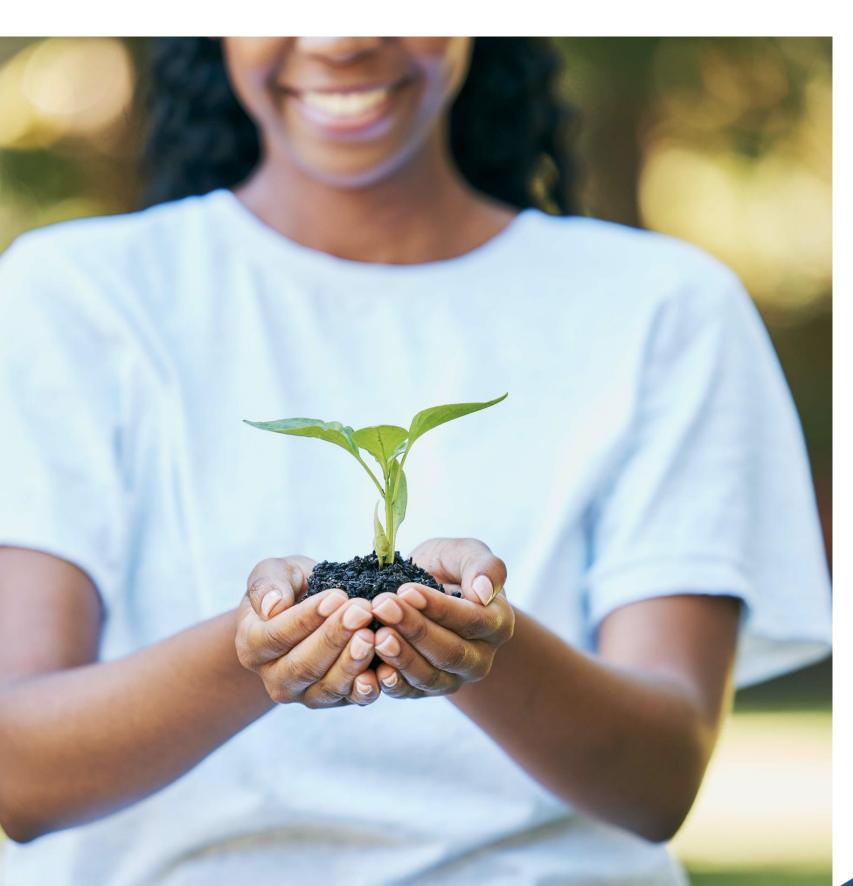




"A Practical and Realistic Agenda for the AfCFTA"



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

