

# Africa's Food Trade

Population growth, rapid urbanization and changes in dietary patterns are creating fast-growing demand for agricultural products (food) in global markets and especially in developing countries

Africa has vast agricultural potential, but over the past three decades food imports have risen significantly

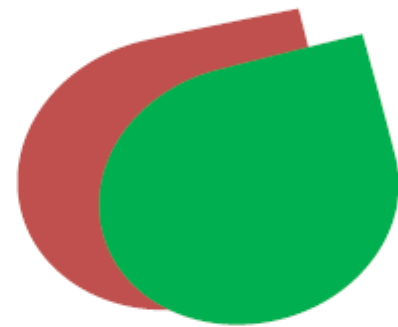
Can Africa afford its food bill and ensure food security?



## STATISTICS

**40%** of Africa's population lives in poverty

## AGRICULTURE

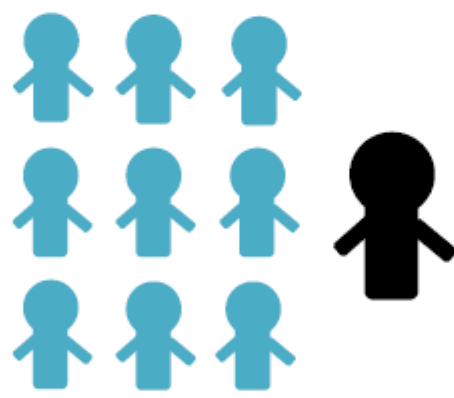


Agriculture **EMPLOYS** 65% of Africa's population  
**AGRICULTURE** can reduce **POVERTY**

## PEOPLE

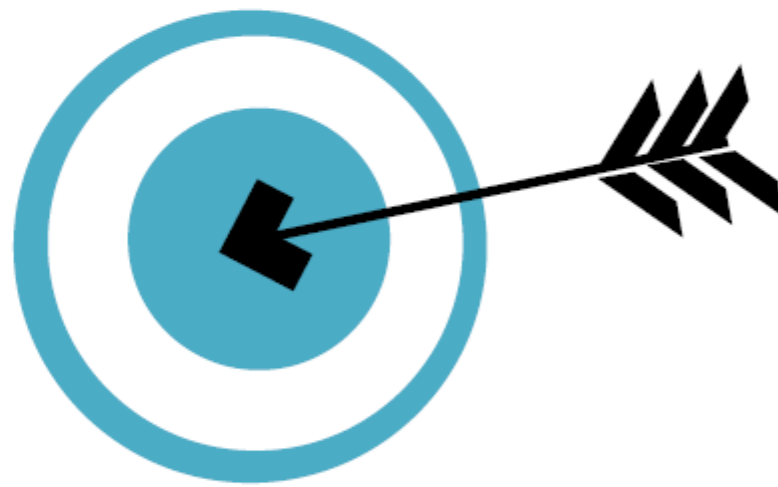
**1 in 3 people**

**in Sub-Saharan Africa is undernourished**



## SELF-SUFFICIENCY

**55** AU COUNTRIES



**COMMITTED TO TRIPLE INTRA-AFRICA TRADE BY 2025**

Can help to improve the food trade balance, food security and contribute to the achievement of SDG 2

## FOOD TRADE DEFICIT (2012-2016)

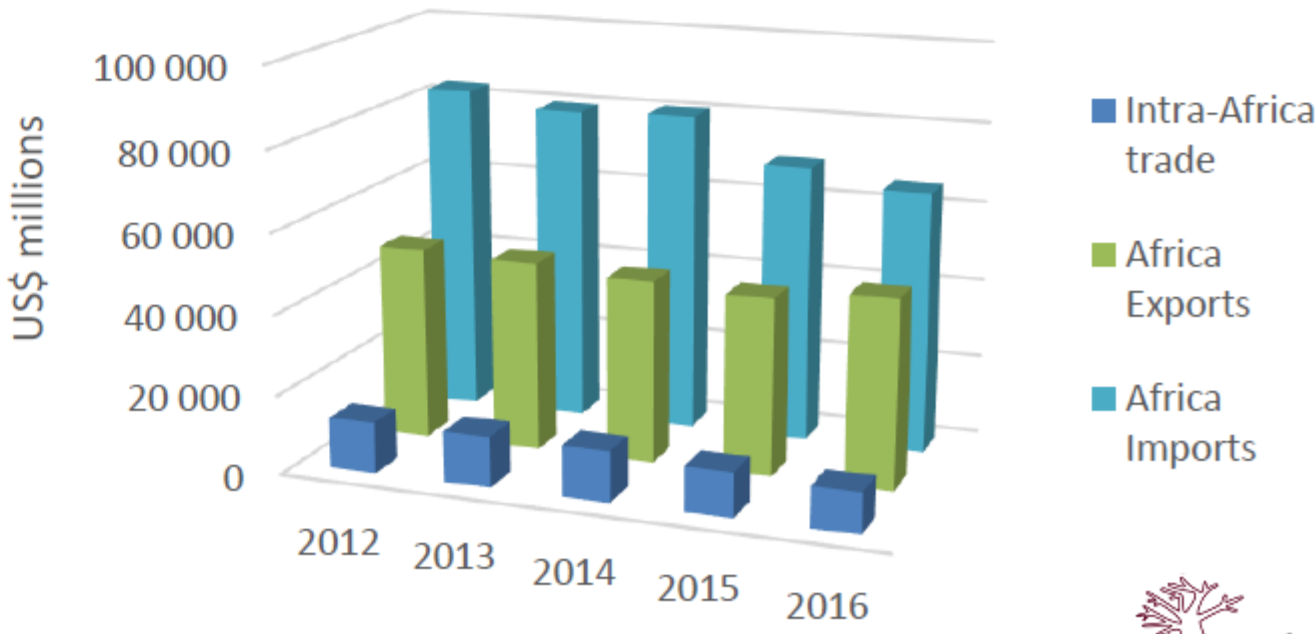
**Food imports exceed exports by US\$30 billion annually**

## KEY POINTS



- **5 countries (Egypt, Algeria, South Africa, Morocco & Nigeria) account for over 50% of Africa's food imports**
- **Main sources of imports: EU, Brazil, India**
- **South Africa is the only African country in top 20 suppliers to rest of Africa**
- **Main imports: Cereals, Edible oils & fats, sugars, livestock products (meat & dairy)**

## TRENDS – Africa's agricultural trade

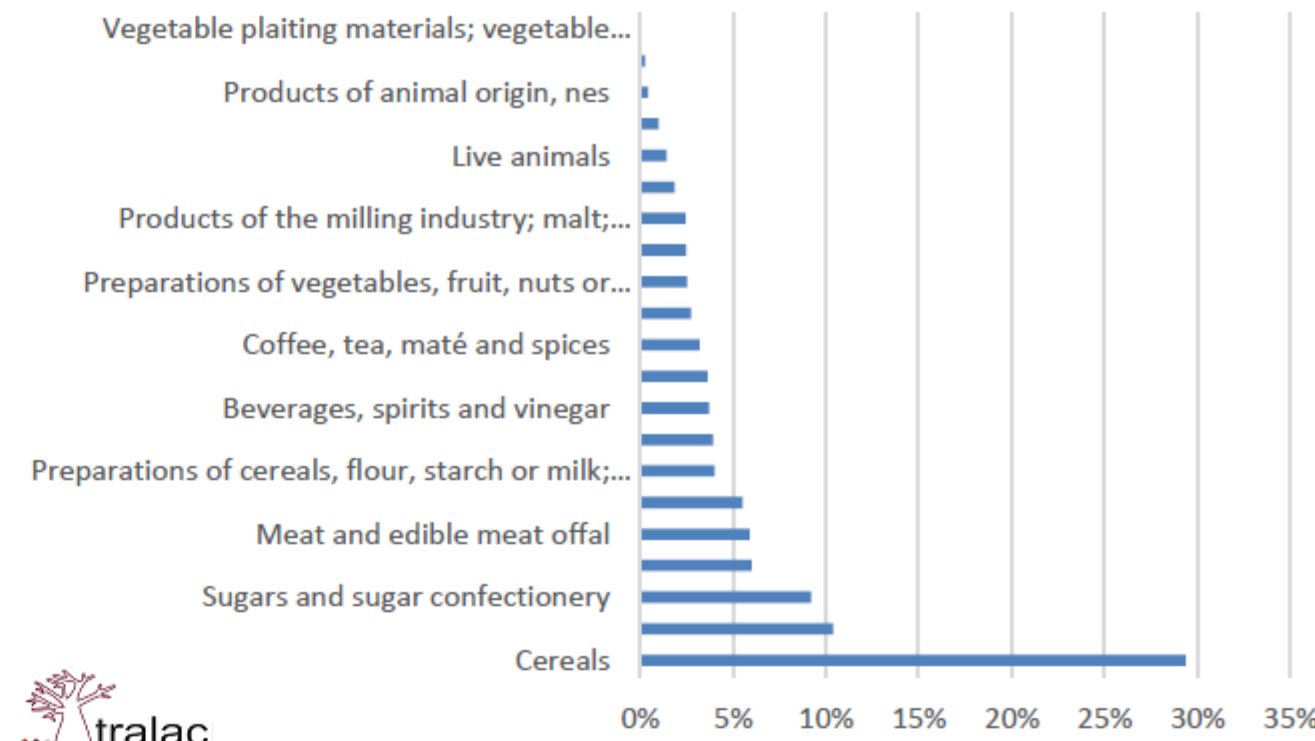


## BARRIERS to Intra-Africa trade

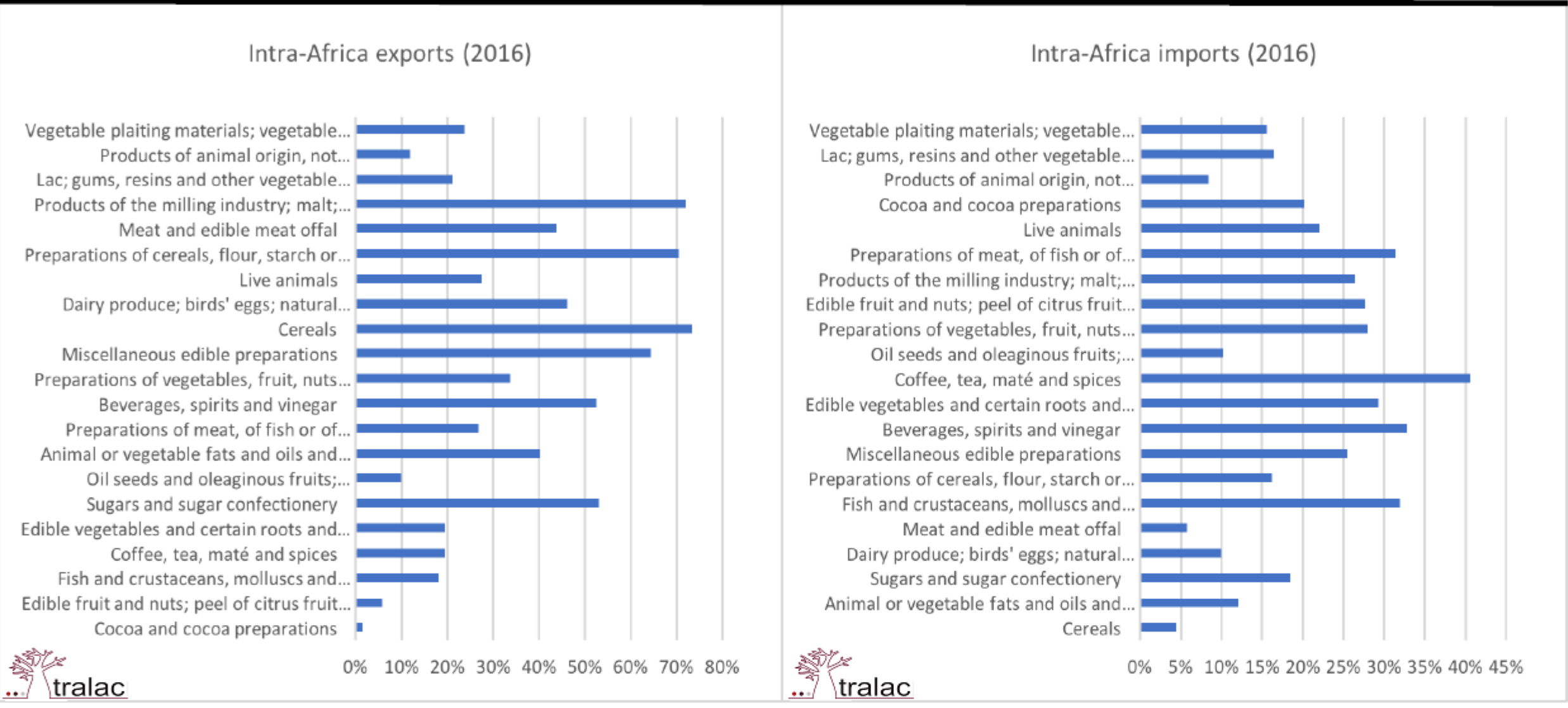


**Infrastructure POLICY**  
**Regulatory barriers and RED TAPE**

## AFRICA FOOD IMPORT SHARES (2016)



## INTRA-AFRICA TRADE



The share of intra-trade of food over the total food trade varied greatly among commodities and was high in some cases.

For 2012-2016, 84% of Africa's total agricultural imports originated from outside the continent.

South Africa dominates as the main African supplier to the rest of Africa.

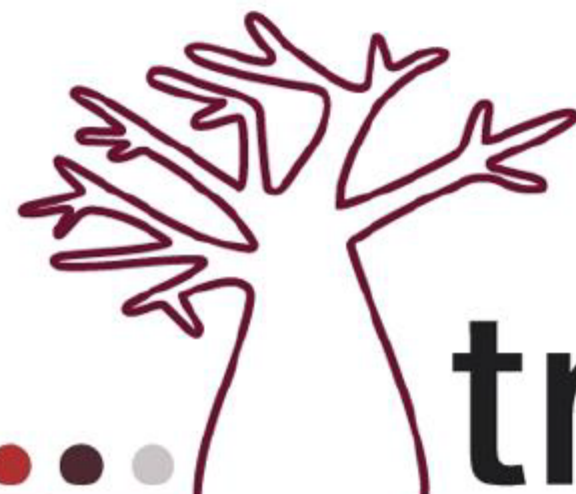
Kenya, Ivory Coast, Mozambique and Mauritius are among those African countries that have increased their food imports over this period

## Top 20 intra-African agricultural exporters and importers (US\$ 000)

Exporters				Importers			
	2012	2016	% share	%CAGR (2012-2016)		2012	2016
Africa	12 756 946	10 168 940		-6%	Africa	11 645 562	10 316 589
South Africa	3 876 716	3 474 652	34%	-3%	South Africa	1 129 328	826 918
Egypt	851 585	804 889	8%	-1%	Zimbabwe	1 009 297	723 401
Morocco	495 347	555 879	5%	3%	Namibia	714 969	645 715
Namibia	849 667	502 196	5%	-12%	Botswana	650 862	611 537
Kenya	716 529	462 310	5%	-10%	Kenya	389 753	603 834
Uganda	390 818	437 669	4%	3%	Côte d'Ivoire	267 333	397 472
Ethiopia	426 622	413 916	4%	-1%	Egypt	389 666	391 124
Senegal	293 498	374 426	4%	6%	Libya	753 285	366 629
Côte d'Ivoire	709 603	324 088	3%	-18%	Zambia	358 043	361 620
Swaziland	281 500	300 195	3%	2%	Mozambique	224 231	354 677
Zambia	753 743	222 333	2%	-26%	DRC	588 707	334 285
Ghana	266 581	201 194	2%	-7%	Algeria	333 494	329 148
Rwanda	219 272	177 816	2%	-5%	Lesotho	301 626	307 032
Mauritania	100 423	173 147	2%	15%	Somalia	347 263	304 823
Tanzania	313 151	166 391	2%	-15%	Ghana	294 510	239 427
Sierra Leone	1 898	159 857	2%	203%	Mauritius	143 448	234 977
Tunisia	596 853	142 835	1%	-30%	Swaziland	279 104	227 471
Zimbabwe	186 759	139 522	1%	-7%	Morocco	214 449	226 850
Algeria	54 281	120 941	1%	22%	Cameroon	137 641	226 171
Togo	95 723	107 962	1%	3%	Nigeria	341 661	220 466
Rest of Africa	1 276 377	906 722	9%	-8%	Rest of Africa	2 776 892	2 383 012

**HOW AFRICA CAN BECOME A NET FOOD EXPORTER?**

Increase agricultural productivity (including skills development, infrastructure services development – transport, communication, access to finance and technology), eliminate non-tariff barriers to intra-regional trade



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