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Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile



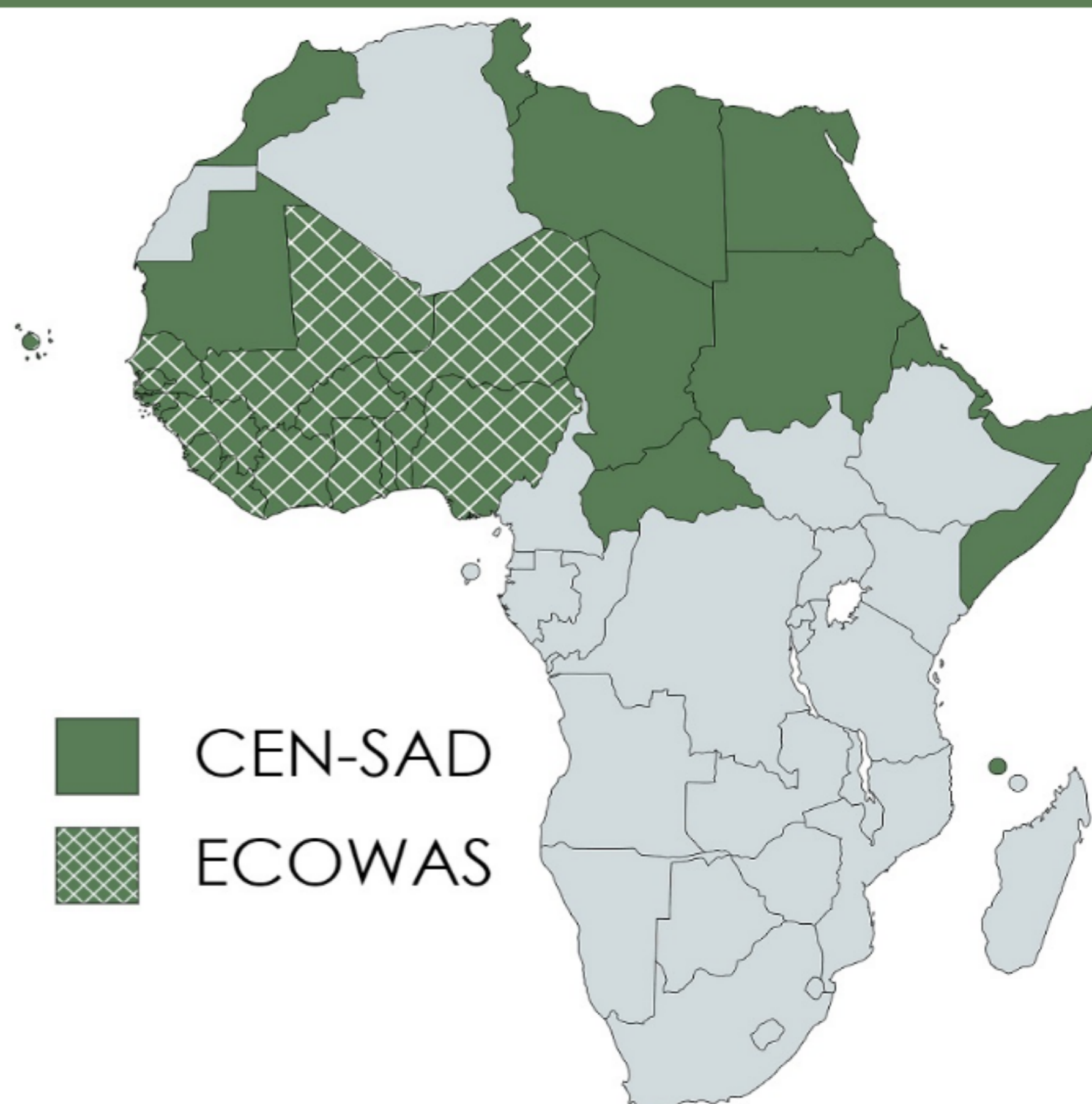
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Regional Economic Communities

Niger is a member of both the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD)

CEN-SAD currently has 24 member states aspiring to the establishment of an Economic Union which includes the free movement of goods. Although CEN-SAD was revived in 2013 with a revision of the CEN-SAD Treaty there is still no free trade agreement in place.

All 15 ECOWAS countries are part of the ECOWAS Free Trade Area and all but Cape Verde are in the process of implementing the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET). In 2017 Mauritania and ECOWAS signed an Association Agreement for the re-admission of Mauritania to the REC by 2019; Morocco's application to join ECOWAS has been granted 'in principle', but is awaiting final approval and Tunisia has recently obtained ECOWAS observer status.



CEN-SAD
ECOWAS

EXPORTS

87%

(US\$ 1.7 billion) of Niger's total exports are intra-Africa



Palm oil (39%)



Rice (20%)



Petroleum oils (16%)



Pasta (5%)

IMPORTS

22%

(US\$ 386 million) of Niger's total imports are intra-Africa



Cement (20%)



Cigars (10%)

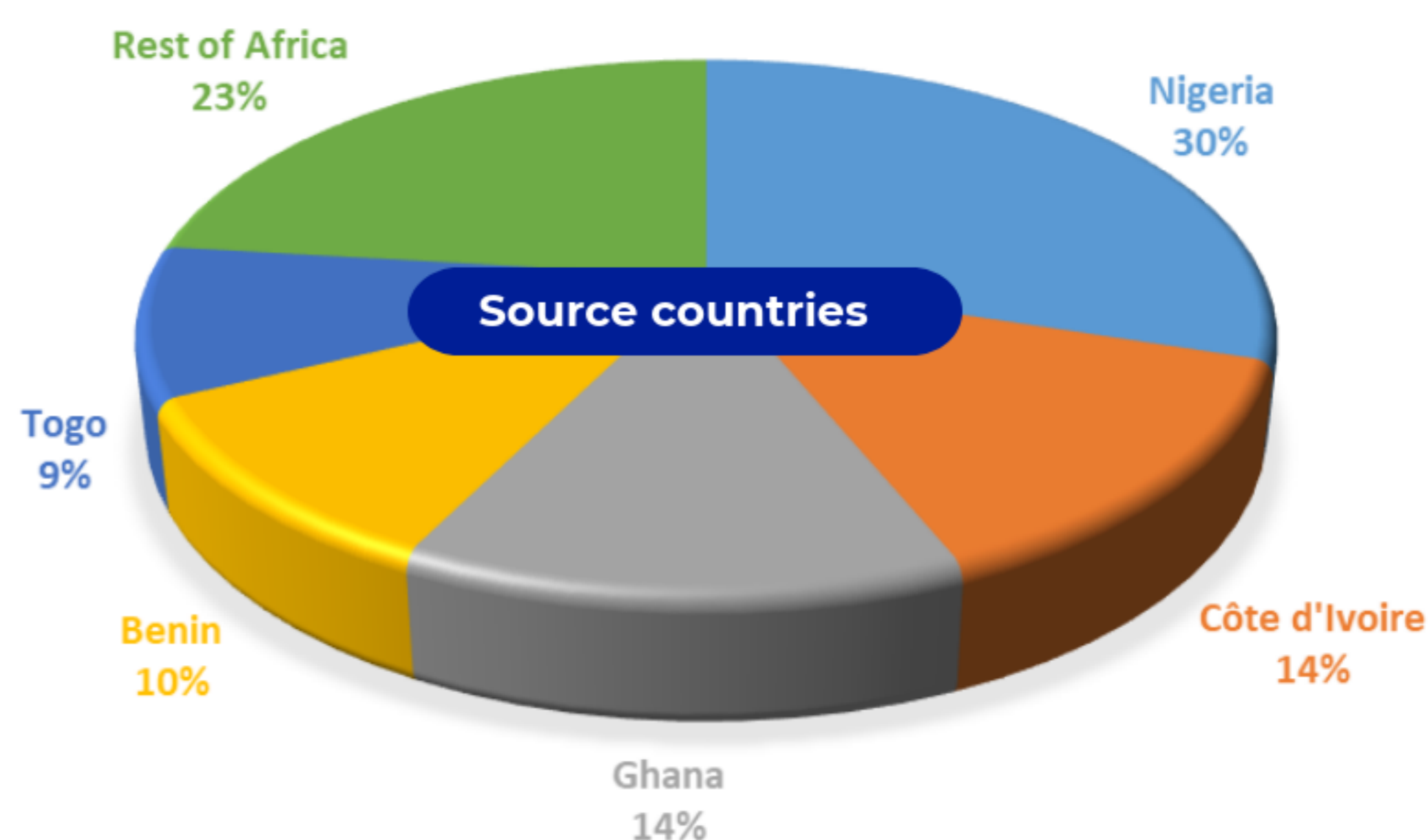
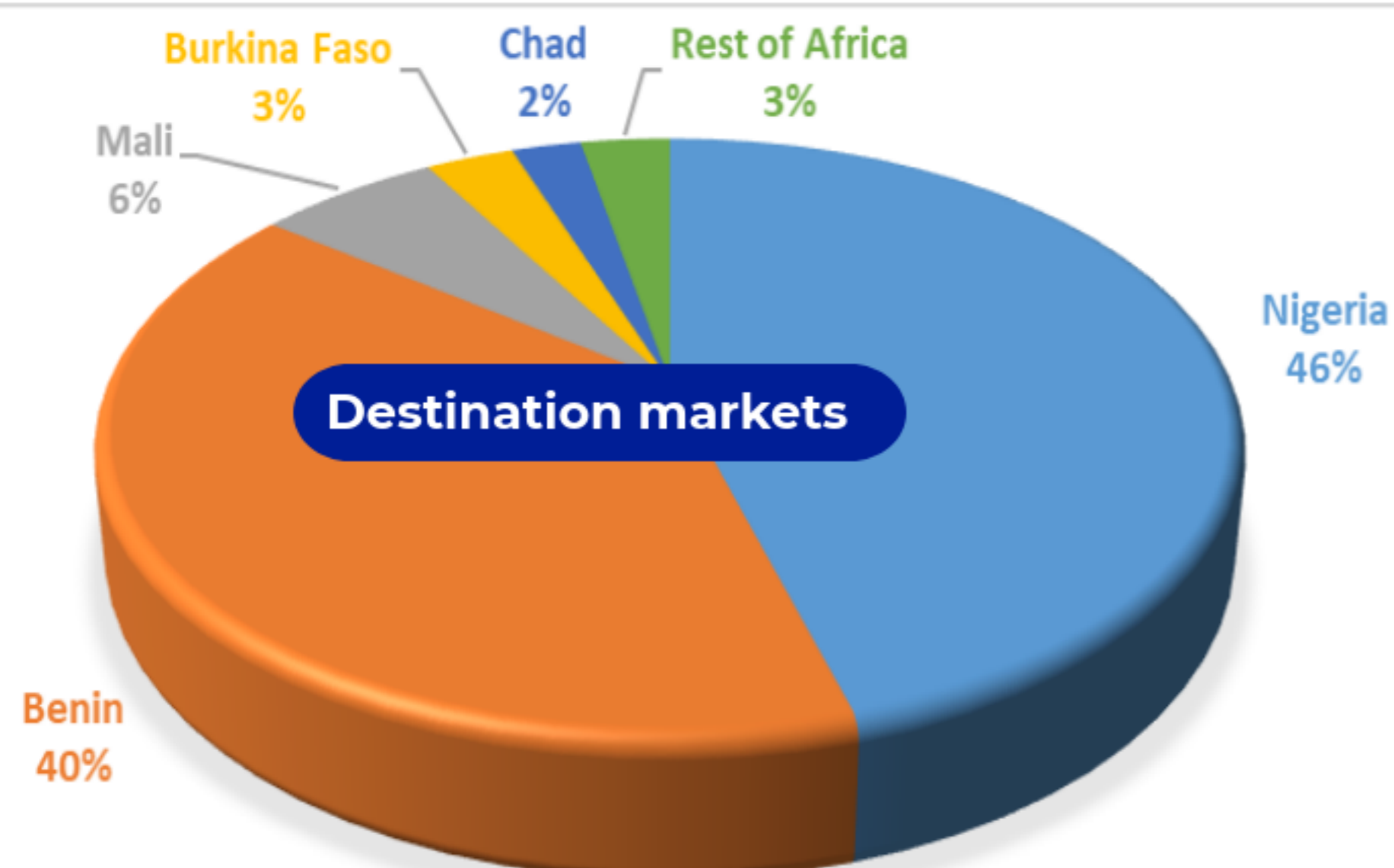


Palm oil (9%)



Electrical energy (6%)

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Intra-Africa trade



A CET is currently being implemented in ECOWAS and all goods imported into Niger from other ECOWAS member states enter duty-free except Cape Verde. However, imports from countries that are members of CEN-SAD are subject to duties, unless they are also members of ECOWAS.

African imports from outside ECOWAS are levied MFN applied duties

High simple average MFN applied duties

Wheat & Maize flour
Oils (soya-bean, ground-nut, palm, sunflower-seed, coconut)
Sugar confectionery
Cigars & Tobacco

Duty free imports include

Farming and gardening tools (HS82, HS83, HS84)
Fertilizers (HS31)
Printed books (HS49)

Highest ad valorem import duties



Wheat (35%)



Sugar confectionary (35%)



Maize flour (35%)



Cigar & Tobacco (35%)



Oils (soya-bean, ground-nut, palm, sunflower-seed, coconut) (35%)



Chewing gum (35%)

Niger Imports from Africa excluding ECOWAS countries and MFN tariffs (CET)

		2017 (US\$ millions)	%Share	Average tariff	Max tariff
TOTAL	All products	27		12%	13%
1101	Wheat or meslin flour	8	31%	20%	20%
1902	Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed with meat or other substances	3	12%	20%	20%
8704	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, incl. chassis with engine and cab	3	12%	8%	8%
6304	Articles for interior furnishing, of all types of textile materials (excluding blankets and ...	2	7%	16%	20%
0804	Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh or dried	2	6%	17%	20%
9403	Furniture and parts thereof, n.e.s. (excluding seats and medical, surgical, dental or veterinary ...	1	5%	15%	20%
1103	Cereal groats, meal and pellets	1	3%	9%	10%
0402	Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	1	3%	11%	20%
2106	Food preparations, n.e.s.	1	2%	12%	16%
8703	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	1	2%	10%	20%
	Other products	4	16%		

Niger should take advantages of the opportunities arising from the AfCFTA to boost the limited trade which currently prevails between Niger and other African countries that are not ECOWAS members.

Source: ITC TradeMap (2018) and WTO Tariff Database (2018)