



How RECs can harness A4T for regional integration

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The what?

REC raison d'être

“Increased co-operation and integration in all fields of development particularly in trade, customs and monetary affairs, transport, communication and information, technology, industry and energy, gender, agriculture, environment and natural resources”

COMESA website

A4T basic definition

“Aid for Trade is about assisting developing countries to increase exports of goods and services, to integrate into the multilateral trading system, and to benefit from liberalized trade and increased market access. Effective Aid for Trade will .. (sic) .. complement multilateral trade reforms and distribute the global benefits more equitably across and within developing countries.”

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Main A4T areas of action

- 1. Trade Policy & regulations**
- 2. Trade development**
- 3. Trade-related infrastructure**
- 4. Building productive capacity**
- 5. Trade-related adjustment**
- 6. Other trade-related needs**

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The Why?:Assisting regional integration

“Many countries require cross-border infrastructure and regional policy cooperation to trade more effectively. The ability to identify cross-border and regional needs should be strengthened at the country, regional and multilateral level. Once needs have been identified, donors and agencies must improve their ability to respond. In particular, assistance in formulating and financing accompanying measures could help to make regional integration an effective building block for the multilateral trading system”

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The How?: What can RECs do? (1)

- **identify cross-border and regional needs**

Potential areas of focus include transport/transit corridors, regional physical infrastructure, border/customs reform & harmonisation, transport regulation, industrial policy, energy, SPS & technical standardisation harmonisation, financial & payment services harmonisation, private-sector development, cross-border PPPs, etc.

The How?: What RECS can do (2)

- **formulating and financing accompanying measures**

Formulation, finance and implementation of regional plans and projects in trade-development-related areas, including human-resource capacity-building, cover harmonisation costs, oversight of legal frameworks, trade policy and administrative management, trade facilitation coordination, etc.

The How?: What can RECs do? (3)

- **Trade related adjustment:** Identify contributions to developing country budgets needed to assist in the implementation of trade reforms and adjustments to trade policy measures by other countries, and alleviate shortfalls in balance-of-payments due to changes in the world trading environment. This may be particularly useful for cross-border issues like the C4 cotton adjustments.

The How: What can RECs do? (3)

1. Take 'ownership'

2. Focus on 'results-oriented' business plans

3. Create suitable 'donour-REC' project-management, and monitoring/evaluation mechanisms

4. Increasingly involve the private sector

5. Expedite formation of 'regional bodies'

A4T for Africa by sector

source: OECD/QWIDS

Time Period	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Sector(s)							
Transport & Storage, Total	<u>1426.68</u>	<u>2119.71</u>	<u>2059.94</u>	<u>2515.14</u>	<u>2575.97</u>	<u>3880.82</u>	<u>5545.87</u>
Communications, Total	<u>108.2</u>	<u>129.56</u>	<u>130.09</u>	<u>65.68</u>	<u>118.54</u>	<u>269.17</u>	<u>114.06</u>
Energy, Total	<u>749.71</u>	<u>905.63</u>	<u>915.5</u>	<u>1306.73</u>	<u>1040.66</u>	<u>2306.33</u>	<u>2378.79</u>
Banking & Financial Services, Total	<u>433.73</u>	<u>447.15</u>	<u>707.23</u>	<u>377.28</u>	<u>298.65</u>	<u>406.3</u>	<u>1138.15</u>
Business & Other Services, Total	<u>379</u>	<u>431.99</u>	<u>283.77</u>	<u>496.72</u>	<u>210.49</u>	<u>431.98</u>	<u>1246.39</u>
Agriculture, Total	<u>1022.66</u>	<u>1294.56</u>	<u>1411.28</u>	<u>1337.85</u>	<u>1928.26</u>	<u>2442.56</u>	<u>2729.02</u>
Forestry, Total	<u>84.58</u>	<u>65.45</u>	<u>68.66</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>79.61</u>	<u>58.36</u>	<u>229.27</u>
Fishing, Total	<u>126.03</u>	<u>118.57</u>	<u>145.22</u>	<u>89.28</u>	<u>67.94</u>	<u>86.96</u>	<u>229.23</u>
Industry, Total	<u>279.05</u>	<u>196.01</u>	<u>492.42</u>	<u>417.12</u>	<u>605.56</u>	<u>570.74</u>	<u>509.02</u>
Mineral Resources & Mining, Total	<u>286.17</u>	<u>211.63</u>	<u>196.74</u>	<u>139.99</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>20.28</u>	<u>73.43</u>
Trade Policies & Regulations, Total	<u>446.97</u>	<u>171.49</u>	<u>273.84</u>	<u>355.79</u>	<u>594.72</u>	<u>327.27</u>	<u>287.42</u>
Tourism, Total	<u>9.17</u>	<u>12.8</u>	<u>5.63</u>	<u>13.01</u>	<u>398.1</u>	<u>13.16</u>	<u>16.5</u>

Thank you

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