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1. Member States covered by ECA SRO-SA

11 Member States

- Angola
- Botswana
- Eswatini
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- South Africa
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe



AUC and RECs



AU-SARO



SADC



COMESA

2. Mandate and areas of strategic focus

Areas of focus

1. Promoting inclusive industrialization

- Harmonisation of regional and national industrial policies
- Development of regional value chains
- Promoting industrial parks and special economic zones

2. Supporting subregional initiatives

- Promoting regional integration and intra-African trade
- Sustainable development, governance
- Private sector and MSME development

Functional roles

Convening: statutory meetings; policy dialogue meetings

Think tank: analytical work, policy research (issues priority)

Operational: advisory services, technical support

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



1 NO
POVERTY



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



3.1 Statutory meetings and policy dialogue events

(a) Servicing of statutory intergovernmental meetings

27th Session of the IC SOE for Southern Africa

- Hosted by Malawi, 13 – 14 Oct 2021 (Blantyre, in hybrid format)
- Theme: *Building back better from COVID-19 in Southern Africa: fostering commodity-based industrialization, manufacturing and regional value chains*
- Proffered policy recommendations on:
 - Strengthening the national and regional macroeconomic environment to address the impact of COVID-19 and build back better and faster
 - Accelerating the implementation of the AfCFTA Agreement in Southern Africa
 - Fostering commodity-based industrialization, non-resource-based manufacturing and regional value chain development
- Recommendations
 - Provided **input** to the 54th Session of the COM (May 2022) in Dakar, Senegal
 - **Guided** the work of ECA in supporting member States in Southern Africa



(b) Policy dialogue events



(i) Regional Seminar on Impacts of COVID-19 on MSMEs in Southern Africa: experiences on building back better

- Convened on 8 Feb 2022 at the margins of the Dubai Expo
- With SADC-Business Council and Govt of Mauritius
- Senior Govt officials and private sector apex bodies
- Sharing of experiences on impact of pandemic on MSMEs:
- Response strategies to mitigate



(ii) Policy event on Impacts of the Ukraine Crisis on Development Financing in Africa: examples from Selected countries

- Organized as a side event at the CoM on 14 May 2022, Dakar ,Senegal
- With the UNRCO and Govt of Angola
- Platform for sharing experiences
- Response strategies to address costs and leverage potential opportunities
- Collective response to tackling development financing challenges



(iii) High Level Policy Dialogue on Governance of SOEs in South Africa: enhancing performance, efficiency and service delivery

- Collaboration with Wits University, 26 July 2022, Johannesburg
- Informed by a **Study** on Governance of SOEs in South Africa (2021)
- Discussed challenges cutting across SOEs and **policy options**
- Prepared a **Policy Brief** to facilitate dissemination and **uptake of policy recommendations**

3.2. Analytical studies (and ad hoc expert meetings)

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(a) Agriculture Value Chains, Linkages and Transformation in Southern Africa: Opportunities from the AfCFTA

- Reviewed by an expert group meeting, on 12 Oct 2021
- Identified ways by which member States can facilitate the transformation of agriculture through development of regional value chains
- Leveraging the opportunities offered by the AfCFTA, as an instrument for boosting competitive intra-African trade



(b) Accelerating implementation of COMESA & SADC industrialization policies through domestication

- Validated by an expert group meeting, 11 Nov 2022
- Proposed key actions needed to accelerate industrialization
- Member States were encouraged to establish and adequately resource structures to facilitate domestication
- Recommendations were compiled into a policy brief with specific policy actions



(c) Policy, legal, regulatory, and institutional framework for the Common Agro-Industrial Park between Zambia and Zimbabwe

- Draft framework was developed in collaboration with COMESA, was validated on 10 Aug 2022
- Provides recommendations of the policy and operational aspects that require harmonization to facilitate the maturity of the Common Agro-Industrial Park
- Also proposes a regulatory and institutional framework for the management of CAIP

3.3 Technical support: transboundary/regional level initiatives

(a) Support to Zambia and Zimbabwe on Establishing the Common Agro-Industrial Park (CAIP)

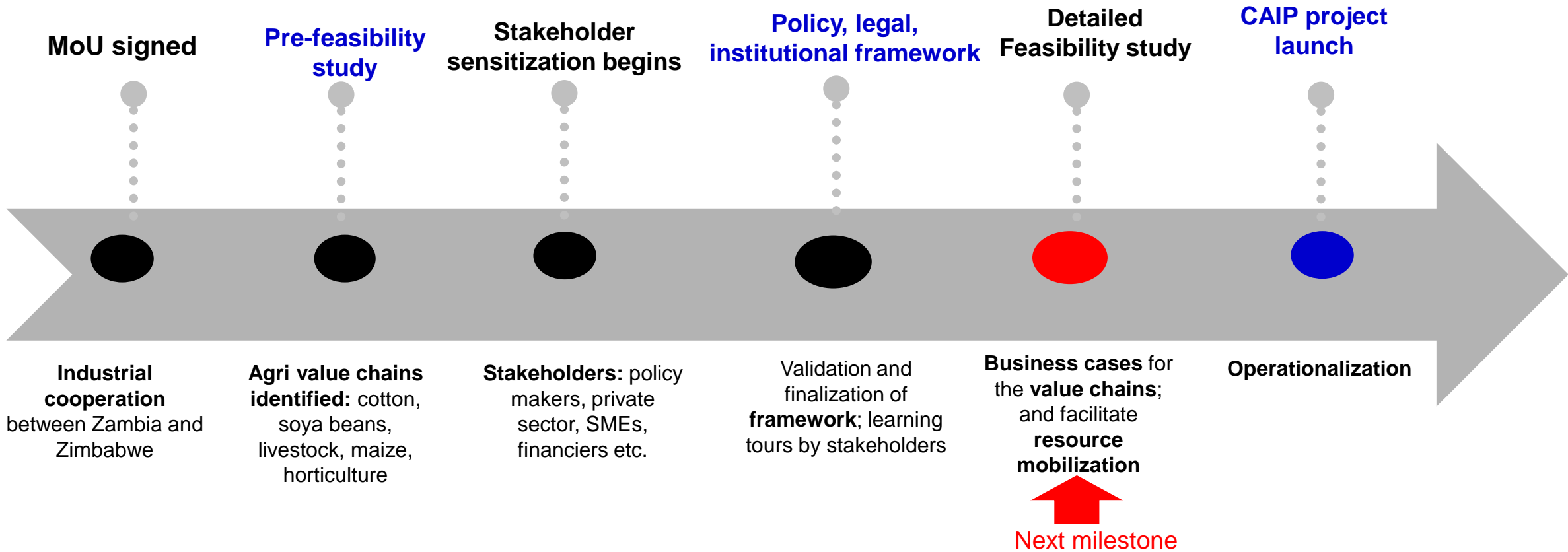
- ECA, in collaboration with COMESA, supporting Zambia and Zimbabwe
- CAIP will be a geographic cluster where firms can exploit economies of scale and positive externalities, including **common**:
 - Infrastructure
 - Services
 - Bulk purchasing and selling
- Envisaged that, once operational, the CAIP will:
 - Enhance agro-industrial productivity and competitiveness
 - Leverage opportunities under the AfCFTA
 - Promoting linkages among agro-industries and other sectors
 - Generate business opportunities, integrate SMEs into RVCs
 - Create employment opportunities, especially for youthful





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Roadmap



(b) The Electric Battery Value Chain Initiative between Congo DRC and Zambia



The Electric Battery Precursor Project



- ECA, Afreximbank and other partners, supporting to DRC and Zambia
- Aimed at adding value to battery minerals to
 - Spur industrialization and economic growth
 - Create business opportunities through linkages
 - Generate employment especially for the growing youth population
- Key milestones thus far:
 - 24 – 25 Nov 2021: DRC - Africa Business Forum in Kinshasa
 - 22 Apr 2022: launch of the Centre of Excellence for Advanced Battery Research (Uni of Lubumbashi, Uni of Zambia, Copperbelt University)
 - 29 April 2022: the two Govts **signed** a Cooperation Agreement in Lusaka,
 - **Next step:** Pre-feasibility study on the project (tendering processes)



(c) Support development planning: *Revival of the SADC National Planning Entities Platform*

- Supported the revival of the **SADC NPEs Platform**, through consultations
 - led to merging the informal Network for NPEs formed at a subregional meeting (29 Jan 2020, Jo'burg) into the **official SADC body**
 - Reactivated at a subregional meeting, 7 - 8 Apr 2022, Lilongwe
 - Participation of NPEs from SADC countries, auspices of SADC
- SADC NPE Platform to enhance capacity of member States to:
 - Align of NDPs with regional, continental and global agendas through cooperation among NPEs
- Role: to serve as a formal space for NPEs in SADC region share information, lessons and best practices and networking:
 - For instance, on 4 Aug 2022 Platform convened a dialogue on: *Macroeconomic Impact of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict on Southern Africa*



3.4 Technical support: Country initiatives

(a) Support to member States on the Ratification and implementation process of the AfCFTA

- Though AfCFTA is a continental agreement, implementation takes place at national level
- ECA has been assisting countries in formulating national AfCFTA strategies to guide implementation
- Supported the Govt of **Mauritius** to develop its National AfCFTA Strategy
 - Strategy was finalized and validated at a stakeholder workshop on 25 Mar 2022
- National AfCFTA strategies have **enhanced the capacities** of member States to implement AfCFTA



- Brings to **5 countries** that have **developed** national AfCFTA strategies, with ECA support
 - Malawi
 - Mauritius
 - Namibia
 - Zambia
 - Zimbabwe
- National AfCFTA strategies **in progress**:
 - Botswana
 - Eswatini
 - Mozambique

(b) Support to member States on Harmonization and Alignment of National Industrial Policies with Regional Frameworks

- ❑ Continued to support Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe in reviewing their national industrial policies
 - Facilitate their **alignment** with regional industrial policy frameworks (SADC and COMESA)
- ❑ Informed by Study: *Harmonization of regional & national frameworks on industrialization in Southern Africa (2021)*
 - The 3 countries have **developed** their **National Action Plans** to address the **identified gaps**



Malawi

- National Action Plan developed
- Review of National Industrial Policy in progress (inception meeting 18 Aug 2022)



Zambia

- National Action Plan developed and was validated at workshop, 10-11 Aug 2022



Zimbabwe

- National Action Plan developed
- Inception Meeting of the Local Content Thresholds, on 9 Sep 2022

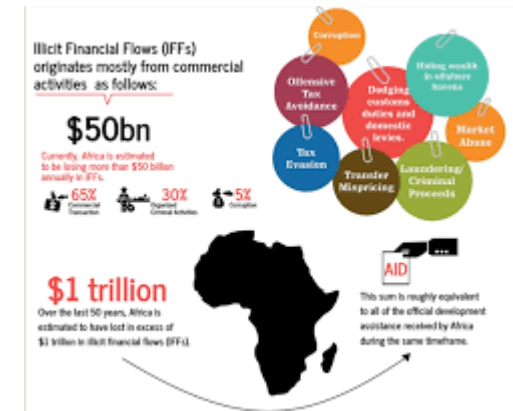
(c) Supporting member States on Integrated development planning: Use of the *Integrated Planning & Reporting Toolkit (IPRT)*

- Continued to build **development planning** capacities of member States
 - Delivering **training workshops** on using the **IPRT**
 - Its a **digital tool** that integrates 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in NDPs
 - Facilitates simultaneous and harmonized monitoring and reporting
- **National expert teams from NPEs, line ministries and agencies were trained:**
 - **Malawi:** Feb 2022
 - **Botswana:** Sep 2022
- Planned IPRT Training Workshops for other countries:
 - **Zambia:** scheduled for late Nov 2022
 - **Zimbabwe:** discussions under way to set dates
 - **Others:** upon request



(d) Capacity Building on Domestic Resource Mobilization and Illicit Financial Flows in Zambia

- ECA with UNCTAD, delivered a capacity building workshop (15-18 Mar 2022)
 - Under the **Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF)** initiative
 - Participants included officials from line Ministries and other Govt agencies
- Workshop enhanced awareness on the:
 - INFF process vis-à-vis domestic resource mobilization
 - Scale of illicit financial flows on the continent and implications on SDGs
- Covered: conceptual framework & guidelines on statistical measurement of IFFs
 - Equipped officials with knowledge and skills on measuring tax and commercial IFFs



(e) Technical Support to the Govt Namibia on Constructing and Using Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSAs)



- Tourism is an important sector: for jobs and sustainable livelihoods
- Under this Initiative, ECA is supporting the Govt to building technical capacity in:
 - Collecting quality data and constructing TSAs
 - Enable Govt measure performance of tourism sector
 - Guide policy development and decisions
- National TSA Committee constituted and operational to drive the initiative
- Delivered trainings for TSA Committee and other stakeholders on:
 - TSA standardized methodology and approaches
 - development of survey instruments, and undertaking impact studies
- The Initiative is still in progress, and can be replicated for other countries



4. Challenges and lessons

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Main challenges

- ❑ **COVID-19** had constrained timely implementation of planned initiatives (up to mid-2022): convening, travel
 - ❑ *In mitigation, ECA leveraged virtual platforms to convene meetings (though not free of glitches)*
- ❑ Limited availability of **official statistical data** that affected delivery of analytical and research work
- ❑ Lack of a collaboration framework in working with RECs, at the sub regional level remains a challenge
 - ❑ *In mitigation, ECA ensured continuous engagement with RECs to anticipate needs and requests for support*



Lessons learned

- ❑ Leveraging of **ICTs** is critical to ensuring program delivery, particularly in convening meetings amid shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic;
- ❑ **Partnerships** with RECs, IGOs and development institutions at subregional and national level are key to ensuring relevance of interventions undertaken and support provided
- ❑ Working **closely with other UN entities** at subregional and country levels is critical to building **synergies**, and leveraging **resources** and expertise for **maximum impacts** of initiatives

5. Work programme for 2022/2023

5. Highlights of Work Programme for 2022/2023

OBJECTIVE: Deepen regional integration and strengthen capacities to achieve inclusive industrialization for the reduction of poverty and inequality in Southern Africa

Category	Key programmed deliverables and initiatives
(a). Servicing of statutory intergovernmental meetings	1. Session of the IC SOE for Southern Africa (2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Progress report on implementation of regional and international agendas– Report on economic and social conditions in Southern Africa– Report on the Work of ECA in Southern Africa
(b). Analytical studies and Ad hoc expert group meetings	2. Policy studies and ad hoc expert groups meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Industrialization in Southern Africa– Regional integration in Southern Africa
(c). Seminars and Workshops	3. Workshops and forums <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Forum on regional integration in Southern Africa– Training in inclusive industrialization and regional integration– Workshop on economic and social development in Southern Africa

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(d). Technical support and advisory services	<p>4. Advisory services to Member States and RECs and Technical Cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Developing and implementation of national AfCFTA strategies (several countries) – Initiative to Establish the Common Agro-industrial Park between Zambia and Zimbabwe – Initiative on Electric Battery Value Chain between Congo DR and Zambia – Mozambique: Developing an Integrated Data Management System on External Trade Statistics – Namibia: Building capacity of the Govt to construct and using the Tourism Satellite Accounts – Others, upon request, by Member States, RECs and IGOs
(e). Policy dialogue and consensus building	<p>5. Policy dialogue and consensus building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Policy brief on industrialization and economic transformation in Southern Africa – Policy dialogue on economic development in Southern Africa
(f). UN Development Account Projects	<p>6. DA 12th Tranche Project (2020-2023): Promotion and implementation of regional and national industrialization policies for inclusive and sustainable development in Southern Africa</p> <p>7. DA Global MSME Surge Project (2020-2022): Increase MSME access to technology and innovation</p> <p>8. DA 13th Tranche Project (2020-2023): Innovative Approaches for MSME Competitiveness to Promote Trade and Inclusive Industrialization in Southern Africa in the Post-COVID Context</p>



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