

Media Sensitization and Capacity building on the AfCFTA

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The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)



- 1. Intra-African trade very low at less than 15 %; over 65% in Europe over 50% in Asia;
- 2. Africa's large economies trade on the same terms like the rest of the world;
- 3. African merchandise face higher tariffs within the continent than overseas;

Why the AfCFTA



- 4. Create the largest free trade area by number of countries- 54 signatories, 42 ratifications
 - Population of over 1,2 billion people
 - Combined GDP of US\$ 3 trillion
 - Growing middle class and disposable income
 - Growing cities –opportunities for services provision
- 5. Removing tariffs and implementing trade facilitation measures will double intra african trade

AfCFTA Stakeholder Analysis















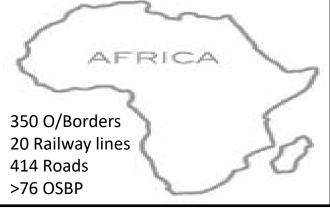






































What are the key interests of various groups in Eswatini? What about women and youth?

Trade Remedies in the AfCFTA



- How do we address the likely negative effects of trade liberalization,
- The Protocol on trade in goods provides for safety measures that Eswatini can invoke.
- They include trade remedies- Part V -(Articles 16 -18);
 - ✓ Anti dumping and counter vailing measure;
 - √ Safeguards
 - ✓ Issue here is institutional and human capacity
- Infant industry provisions (Article 23);
- General exceptions (Article 25): and
- Balance of Payments (BOP) (Article 27).

Institutional Framework for Implementation of AfCFTA





Assembly		 Committee on Trade in Goods; Committee on Trade in Services; Sub-Committee on Rules of Origin;
Dispute Settlement Body	Council of Ministers	 Sub-Committee on Trade Facilitation, Customs Cooperation and Transit; Sub-Committee on Non-Tariff Barriers; Sub-Committee for Technical Barriers to
	Committee of Senior Trade Officials	Trade; 7. Sub-Committee for Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures; and
	AfCFTA Secretariat	8. Sub-Committee on Trade Remedies.

What institutions are required at the national level?
Has Zambia created the National AfCFTA Committee?

How do we unlock value?



- 1. Implement the agreement: its not self executing, Eswatini must develop strategies to ensure that it benefits from the AfCFTA;
- 2. Create an environment in which businesses thrive, build globally competitiveness firms; develop strategies to expand markets;
- 3. Private sector engagement is key they are the producers;
- 4. Build the capacity of trade and investment support institutions;

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- 5. Strengthen productive capacity, expand the manufacturing base & establish regional value chains;
- 6. Build infrastructure that facilitates trade within and across countries;
- 7. Prepare effectively for Phase two negotiations, Investment, IPR and competition policy, women and youth and digital trade;
- 8. Create gainful employment and business opportunities for the youth and woman;
- 9. Critical coverage of the AfCFTA from all dimensions.





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