

Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor 2020

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Objectives

- Present recent trends
- Provide analyses of important issues

• Requirements

- A unique database designed with coherence
- Policy recommendations

The bad news: increasing deficit in staple food products

• Trade sold per value chain, US\$ blns



• Source: 2020 AATM database

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The bad news: trade policies are not improving

NTMs status is not improving



Number of NTM types by country on exports and imports of food products Source: UNCTAD

The good news: new success stories for African agric. exports

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• African vs. World Agricultural Exports and African Exports by product - 2003=100



The good news: geog. diversification of African agric. exports

• Africa's agricultural exports value and major destinations, 2003–2018



• Source: 2020 AATM database

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The good news: more intra-African exports of semi-proc. & proc. products

• Intra-African Agricultural Exports: total and by product - 2008=100



• Source: 2020 AATM database

A few promises: impact of the AfCFTA on agr. trade

• The AfCFTA

• A substantial increase of agricultural trade between RECs is expected



• Source: 2020 AATM database

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• A substantial increase of intra-African trade of agricultural semi-processed and processed products



- African exports by destination and by processing stage, main cereals and cassava value chain, 2003–2018
- Source: 2020 AATM database

A few promises: impact of the AfCFTA on agr. trade

- The AfCFTA could lead to a formalization of informal trade
 - It would facilitate trade of agric. products, especially fresh products
 - It would considerably reduce risk and uncertainty for informal traders, and especially for female traders
 - It would improve the measurement of trade and national statistics



• Source: ECENE

