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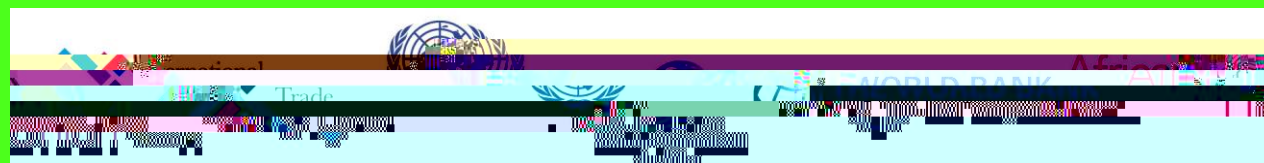
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Third Regional Dialogue on WTO Accessions for Africa



WTO Accession and the AfCFTA: Building Synergies on Substance

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WTO and AfCFTA: why there is a need to build synergies?

Maximizing benefits from trade integration at global and regional levels

WTO rules: threshold for trade liberalization

WTO and AfCFTA frameworks: architecture and substance

State of play on African WTO Accessions and the AfCFTA participation (Rules)

WTO Accession challenges associated with regional integration projects

Lessons from other regional trading blocs?

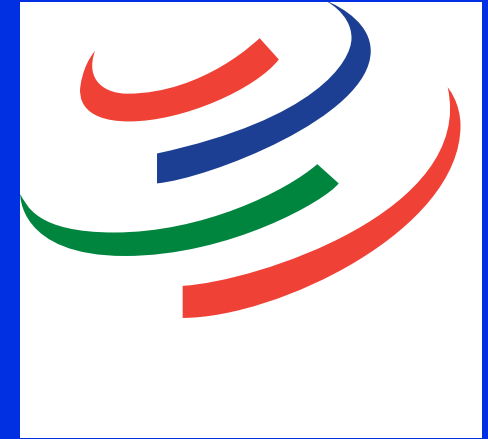
Main questions / recommendations

WTO Accession and the AfCFTA implementation:



10 things WTO Accession can do

- Support legal, economic and structural domestic reforms
- Enhance market access in goods and services
- Promote economic growth
- Provide capacity and knowledge building
- Increase transparency, predictability and good governance
- 'Insure' against protectionism and unilateralism
- Strengthen international cooperation and peace
- Give smaller countries a stronger voice in shaping global trade rules
- Develop positive branding
- Contribute to the strengthening of rules and universality of membership



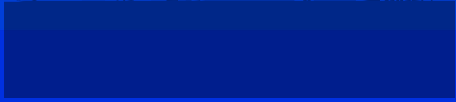
Similar benefits - at the regional level - can be derived from AfCFTA participation



Prerequisite:

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Trade Facilitation - 1





WTO Agreements and AfCFTA framework (Services)

African WTO Accessions and AfCFTA Status

Acceding Government	WTO Accession		AfCFTA	
	WP established	Status / Last WPM / Document	Signed	Ratified (deposited with AUC)
Comoros*	10/2007	Strategic focus 4WPM (03/2018) / dWPR	21/03/2018	
Ethiopia*	02/2003	Work in Progress 4WPM (01/2020) / EdWPR	21/03/2018	10/04/2019
South Sudan*	12/2017	Work in Progress 1WPM 03/2019 / MFTR (Rev)	21/03/2018	
Sudan*	10/1994	Work in Progress 4WPM (07/2017) / Factual Summary	21/03/2018	
Equatorial Guinea	02/2008	Activation -	21/03/2018	07/07/2019
Somalia*	12/2016	Activation -	21/03/2018	
Algeria	07/1987	Inactive 12WPM (03/2014) / DWPR (Rev.3)	21/03/2018	
Libya	09/2004	Inactive -	21/03/2018	
Sao Tome & Principe*	02/2005	Inactive -	21/03/2018	27/06/2019

WTO Accession challenges associated with regional integration (Rules)

Two sets of framework to comply with: global and regional
AfCFTA is an evolving integration project:

Supra-national competences? Transparency?

Challenge to pursue regional and multilateral negotiations at the same time

Moving targets that do not always move in parallel

Experiences of other integration processes

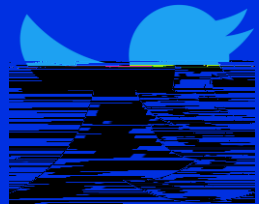
EU, ASEAN accessions :

Main questions / recommendations

Alignment of WTO Accession and AfCFTA implementation roadmaps

Run two integration processes in a coordinated and transparent manner: pursue two-track approach

Useful information



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