

Supporting Investment and Trade in Africa (SITA):

Negotiating and implementing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)



A programme supporting the negotiation and implementation of the AfCFTA, with a focus on the AfCFTA Secretariat, the African Trade Policy Centre at UNECA and covering individual countries including Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa.

Support continent-wide AfCFTA negotiations:



- Place experts in consultation with the AfCFTA Secretariat
- Provide support to the AfCFTA Secretariat for negotiations and engagement with Member States
- Undertake research and share technical knowledge in co-ordination with the Economic Commission for Africa's African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC)
- Increase AfCFTA negotiators' and officials' capabilities in AU Member States and Regional Economic Communities
- Place a trade policy fellow at ATPC to support joint knowledge generation activities

Support country level implementation of the AfCFTA:



- Provide technical assistance and building capacity at country level
- Deliver an assessment of the level of preparedness of countries for the implementation of the AfCFTA
- Create working relationships with relevant stakeholders in each of the target countries

Undertake policy relevant analysis and targeted policy engagement:



- Provide findings and recommendations to support the negotiation and implementation of the AfCFTA and other trade and investment policies
- Convene strategic policy discussions on analysis and related findings
 - Ensure key policy audiences access relevant information by engaging in targeted dissemination activities

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