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About the Economic Commission for Africa

Established by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 1958 as one of the five regional commissions, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) is tasked with promoting the economic and social development of its 54 member States, fostering intraregional integration and promoting international cooperation for Africa's development aspirations.

The development context is however changing globally. The world and Africa are 7 years away from 2030. Against this backdrop of an uncertain and volatile global environment, weakening multilateralism, slow growth, and rising inequality there is a need to revisit the development paradigm for Africa and the role of ECA.

The year 2018 marked the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Economic Commission for Africa and offered an opportunity to take stock of the Commission's achievements and to reflect on the way forward. The new strategic directions and proposed reforms offer a vision and implementation road map aimed to better

support member States in their efforts to deliver on their vision and meet the Sustainable Development Goals. ECA's mission will therefore be to "Deliver ideas and actions for an empowered and transformed Africa; informed by the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 of the African Union" with the vision of "Delivering ideas for a prosperous Africa".

The new directions of ECA build on the growing and central importance of the private sector in Africa's development together with the impact of innovation, especially technology, in delivering a prosperous Africa.

In its implementation, it also emphasizes the need to not only generate ideas but to support member States in testing the viability of the ideas. As a result, partnerships are a cornerstone of the new vision as they will allow for the scaling up of ideas.

Consistent with its mandate and comparative advantage ECA's programme of work is accordingly centred around nine interdependent and complementary sub-programmes, which are focused on thematic or sectoral priorities



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that are key to the transformation of Africa as follows:

1. Macroeconomic policy and governance;
2. Regional integration and trade;
3. Private sector development and finance;
4. Data and statistics;
5. Technology, climate change, and natural resource management;
6. Gender and women in development;
7. Subregional activities for development delivered through the five ECAs subregional offices covering North, West, Central, East and Southern;
8. Economic development and planning; and

9. Poverty, inequality and social policy.

The modalities for implementation will be aligned with the Commission's role as a policy think tank engaged in multisectoral policy research and analysis with a view to harnessing the three pillars of sustainable development; as a convener of intergovernmental platforms and forums such as the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, for the exchange of solutions, promotion of peer learning and articulation of a common African voice at the global level in support of the 2030 Agenda, Agenda 2063, and as an operational provider of capacity development services, which include supporting member States in their efforts to comply with international agreements, treaties, norms and standards, through policy advocacy, consensus building, technical support, policy



advisory services and training measures. ECA is headed by an Executive Secretary, who is assisted by two Deputy Executive Secretaries (DES): one DES (Programme) overseeing all substantive Divisions, subregional offices and the Dakar-based African Institute for

Economic Development and Planning; and a DES (Programme Support) overseeing the support Divisions of Administration and the Publications, Conference and Knowledge Management Division.



About the Catalogue

Welcome to the 2023 edition of the ECA Publications Catalogue. This year's Catalogue features reports and studies that will be made available over the course of the year.

Suggested covers for the 2023 publications are for thematic purposes only; as actual covers will be made available as they are issued.

In addition to multimedia resources, publications are available in print and also in digital format on our website for immediate viewing or download. The publications – which include the Economic Report on Africa, our flagship publication – represent the work of ECA and cover a wide range of thematic areas forming part of the transformative development agenda for the renaissance of Africa. More specifically, the publications capture the work ECA does to monitor Africa's economic growth, understand mega-trends and their implications for African economies, and promote the rise of emerging economies, and promote the rise of emerging economies.

The publications featured in the Catalogue are organized into the following five colour-coded categories:

(i) **The ECA flagship publication:** the most in-depth and analytical signature think piece that communicates the strategic thinking of ECA and carries its voice on key development issues;

(ii) **Special thematic publications:** these are stand-alone reports to systematically discuss a specific topic. They build on the knowledge and original thinking developed by ECA and represent the depth of ECA's thinking on a specific issue;

(iii) **Thematic headline publications:** these are periodic key publications that focus on major issues of ECA's specific programme areas and provide progress updates in these areas. They are meant to deliver ECA's voice in specialized areas;

(iv) **Geographic headline publications:** examples of these publications include country profiles produced by ECA's sub regional offices to report latest developments and first-hand



experiences on the ground as well as regional profiles;

(v) **Reports on the work of**

ECA: these include statutory and strategic

reports on programme implementation as well as organizational papers on ECA change management processes.



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African Women's Report on Costing SDG 5

Costing of gender equality interventions to provide the basis for financing interventions aimed at advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.

Issue date: May 2023





The inclusive green economy and structural transformation

The main objective of this research paper is to avail a knowledge product that will prompt debate and ultimately inform African Governments and Policy Makers of structural issues for Africa's green recovery.

Issue date: February 2023



Community Mobility Patterns in Africa

The paper looks into Community Mobility Patterns in Africa as a response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Issue date: May 2023



Field Guide for the United Nations Trust Fund for Peace and Development (UN-PDF)

This publication provides Field Guidance for the UN-PDF online geospatial application.

Issue date: May 2023



Gender and Climate Change in Africa: Enhancing Women's Participation in Clean Energy

Examines the gender and climate change dynamics focusing of the participation of women in energy.

Issue date: June 2023





Death Registration Good practices in some African countries

It is a review of existing death registration practices that have had a good impact on improving death registration coverage. It is a request for support to various member states/countries that are looking for good practices to adopt in order to improve death registration, which seems to be a vital event that is not given the necessary attention.

Issue date: June 2023



Assessment on the Availability of Geospatial Datasets for the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa

The publication provides outlook of the current status of the availability of the required geospatial information in African countries which is determined through an inventory of such geospatial information as a baseline.

Issue date: June 2023



Policy Guidelines on the legislative mandate of African national mapping agencies

The publication evaluates the various legislative mandate of African national mapping agencies.

Issue date: June 2023





The role of regional power pools in Africa's energy transition

Provides a summary and consolidated list of the findings on the role the private sector in power pooling as well as recommendations for further areas of inquiry.

Issue date: August 2023



Report on operationalization of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement in Africa

A review of the implications of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on the African region.

Issue date: August 2023



Review of the continental energy policy, legal and regulatory framework for power trading in Africa

The report (a) provide a detailed review of the existing legal and regulatory frameworks within the respective power pools to ensure conformance to best practice for each power pool and aligned to the AfCFTA (b) provides drafting template PPAs between the various power utilities; and drafting intergovernmental MoU to enable utilities to negotiate contracts and guarantee their obligations resulting from an interconnection contract, such as the release of convertible currency for the payment of energy purchases, binding arbitration, force majeure, and applicable law.

Issue date: September 2023





Regional perspectives on the global goal on adaptation (GGA)

Report on Africa's role in the Paris Agreement's GGA, which is aimed at driving collective action on climate adaptation.

Issue date: September 2023



Vulnerability to climate change impacts in Africa

An assessment of the issues and challenges relating to exposure of the African region to climate impacts.

Issue date: September 2023



The role of private sector in climate information services in Africa

An exploration and solutions to challenges in the involvement of the private sector in provision and use of climate information services.

Issue date: September 2023



Technology options for Africa energy transition

A synopsis of emerging technology trends in the transition to clean energy resources.

Issue date: September 2023





Manual on African Geospatial Development Index (AGDI)

AGDI is targeted at policymakers, the media, private sector and non-governmental organizations on reforming geospatial information for human outcomes. It was created to emphasize that people, technology, and the environment are the pillars for growth driven by Geospatial Technology. AGDI is also used to examine national policy choices as far as the use of geospatial technology is concerned.

Issue date: September 2023



Global Financial Architecture Report

The IMF & The Future of the Global Financial Architecture report is divided into five chapters: “SDRs & The Global Financial Safety Net,” “A New Global Debt Architecture,” “The RST & A New Agenda for Green Development,” “A New Agenda for Market Access,” and “An IMF for the 21st Century.” Together they form near- and long-term asks for the IMF to address enduring and emerging challenges in the global financial architecture.

Issue date: October 2023



Geocoding: A Strategic Pathway to the Modernization of Geospatial Information in Africa

The strategic document looks into the various Pathways to the Modernization of Geospatial Information in Africa.

Issue date: October 2023





Guideline on Geocoding Population and Housing Census Data in Africa

Population and housing censuses generate volumes of data in Africa, unfortunately the data is edited, tabulated and presented without due consideration on geocoding as well as the spatial analytical components. The manual practically addresses these pitfalls by integrating the geospatial component throughout the entire census process.

Issue date: October 2023



Geospatial Datasets for Sustainable Development Goals

The publication provides readily available solutions which Geospatial Datasets

Issue date: October 2023.



Local Economic Empowerment through Distributed Development of Energy Resources

The report tracks SDG 7 in Africa by addressing data gaps affecting progress in achieving affordable energy in selected countries. This report's specific objective is to demonstrate Africa's economic potential using available energy resources in respective African countries that may give pointers to game-changing energy configurations to improve modern energy access, affordability, availability and reliability.

Issue date: November 2023





Implementation Guide for the Global Statistics Geospatial Framework in Africa

ECA coordinates the strategic use of geospatial and other innovative technologies aimed at integrating statistical systems with geography and encourages their adoption and implementation in accordance with UN guidelines, taking Africa's particular national characteristics into account. The SDG indicators should be disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, handicap, and geography. ECA commissioned the paper to advise the design and implementation of national statistical geospatial frameworks based on experiences and best practices in other countries for the correct integration of statistical and geospatial information in African countries.

Issue date: November 2023



Synthesis Report on the Status of Agro-Poles in Africa: Status and Way Forward

This is a synthesis report of the assessment from east, west, south, central and north Africa.

Issue date: November 2023



West African Agro-poles Regional Assessment - Study Report

The study identifies what works and drives agro-poles in the region. The study looks at the design and implementation of agro-poles in West Africa.

Issue date: November 2023





North Africa Agro-poles Regional Assessment Study Report

The study identifies what works and drives agro-poles in the region. The study looks at the design and implementation of agro-poles in North Africa.

Issue date: November 2023



Central African Agro-poles Regional Assessment Study Report

The study identifies what works and drives agro-poles in the region. The study looks at the design and implementation of agro-poles in Central Africa.

Issue date: December 2023



East African Agro-poles Regional Assessment Study Report

The study identifies what works and drives agro-poles in the region. The study looks at the design and implementation of agro-poles in East Africa.

Issue date: December 2023





Smart and Seamless Transport and Trade Connectivity along Trans-African Corridors

This study report is developed in the frame of a Development Account with UN Regional Commissions. It makes recommendations towards seamless and smart trade and transport on the African continent. The short-term objective is to assist the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic while limiting damage to the economy. The long-term objectives are to enable more effective trade and transport through the deployment of technology-based solutions that provide seamless and smart connectivity.

Issue date: March 2023



Mainstreaming gender in the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions

A report of case studies undertaken in Liberia, Burkina and Zimbabwe on mainstreaming gender in the NDC implementation.

Issue date: March 2023



National Spatial economic planning guide

The guide defines an approach for countries to integrate a spatial perspective in national economic planning.

Issue date: April 2023



Domestic Resource mobilization in Africa- the role of Cities

The report reviews the role of cities in Africa's domestic resource mobilization.

Issue date: April 2023





Leveraging the urban dividend in Africa

The report reviews why urbanization can be a dividend in Africa if it is well planned and managed.

Issue Date: April 2023



Urban job guideline

The guide provides an approach for African countries to prioritize and promote job creation in cities.

Issue date: April 2023



Summary report on city GDP estimation in Africa

The report presents lessons learned and best practices on methodologies and approaches used to estimate GDP in six selected cities of Africa.

Issue date: May 2023



Geospatial Financial Appropriation Framework

The publication investigates into the various methods government and other stakeholders appropriates funds in order to delegate resources for the necessities of geospatial business operations.

Issue date: May 2023





E-census Handbook on Implementation of 2020 Round of Population and Housing Census in Africa

The e-census handbook will be a repository of experiences, lessons and good practices learned during planning and implementation of digital censuses in Africa during the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses which can easily be updated and reference critical resources that complement the good practices.

Issue date: June 2023



Innovative Geospatial Decision Support System for a Transformative Recovery of the COVID 19 Impact on Congo Basin Forests

A spatial decision support system (SDSS) is an interactive, computer-based system that aids in decision-making while addressing a semi-structured spatial issue. It is intended to aid the spatial planner in making choices on land use changes especially the Congo Basin Forest. SDSS models' choices might be used to determine the optimal decision path for recovery after the impact of COVID 19 on Congo Basin Forest.

Issue date: June 2023



African Women's Leadership Report

Examines the power of women's leadership, underscoring the opportunities and challenges.

Issue date: June 2023





Monitoring the completeness of civil registration: challenges and new approaches

This is an analysis the existing data sources (global datasets) for civil registration and vital statistics. The analysis examines the weaknesses of the sources and proposes a new monitoring framework that will bring major improvements to the measurement of CRVS regularly in Africa.

Issue date: July 2023



Programme Management Manual

The programme and project management manual provides an overview of ECA's overall approach to result-based management of the programme & project cycle in line with Umoja Extension II (UE2) and UN reforms.

Issue date: July 2023



2021-2022 Biennial Report on Promoting a Culture of Quality Assurance at ECA

The report discusses ECA's major achievements, challenges and lessons learned concerning Quality Assurance.

Issue date: August 2023



Methodology for digitizing the assessment of African road corridors: a test-application of GIS to the LAPSET corridor

The assessment of corridors including the Trans African highway network is a complex and costly exercise. In addition, this work may involve major biases related to inaccurate information from surveys. Geographic Information Systems and



remote sensing could represent a credible alternative. The study aims to establish a digital corridor assessment methodology to offer a tool of choice to investors, operators, operators and politicians involved in road infrastructure.

Issue date: August 2023



Compendium of Best Practice in land use consolidation in support of Land Based Investments in Agriculture

In meeting the mandate to ALPC by the African Union as captured in the Framework and Guidelines on land policy in Africa, this research looks at land-based investments through land use consolidation systems, laws, and frameworks in Africa. The research will build on the knowledge of work that currently exists on land use consolidation for land-based investment especially in view of the AU endorsed Guiding Principles on LSLBI as a benchmark on accountable land investment processes in support of a business-enabling environment in Africa.

Issue date: August 2023



The state of urbanization in Africa for evidence-based policymaking

The report will review major trends, conditions and policy directions of sustainable urbanization in Africa.

Issue date: September 2023



Lessons from Climate, Land, Energy, Water Systems implementation in Ethiopia, Cameroon, and Namibia

Key take-aways from work undertaken in Ethiopia, Cameroon, and Namibia in the context of Climate, Land, Energy, Water Systems.

Issue date: September 2023





Compendium of Best Practices on Land Based Investment that Promotes Youth Enterprises and Agribusiness

The compendium of best practices on land-based investments that supports and promotes youth enterprise and agribusiness in African countries seeks to support youth investment and agribusiness actions in regional and national land-policy spaces by creating awareness of existing good practices that could be replicated in Africa. The compendium is expected to support policymakers, regional institutions and other researchers to make progress and inform decisions in addressing youth agribusiness interventions toward Africa's economic growth.

Issue date: September 2023



ECA Journal of African Transformation (Vol.8 No.1, 2023)

A reflection on policy and practices in Africa.

Issue date: September 2023



Continental regulatory review of electricity markets in Africa

A summary continental report on the status of regulation and private investment in Africa. the report is expected to offer useful insights on current state of market regulation and pathways towards its improvement.

Issue date: September 2023





The Effect of AfCFTA on Energy Sector and Energy Infrastructure Investment

This publication aims to provide foundation on understanding the relationships between AfCFTA and the effect of its implementation on energy infrastructure and investment. It would also offer insights on energy investment opportunities within AfCFTA.

Issue date: October 2023



Geospatial Information for Sustainable Development in Africa: The Revised African Action Plan on Global Geospatial Information Management

The publication conceptualizes the overarching principle of holistic geospatial governance that strengthen the significance of geospatial information for sustainable development goals in Africa. It will outline the essential actions with related responsibilities, timescales and costs that will steer the future implementation of the initiative in Africa.

Issue date: October 2023



Updated review of the implementation status of the Trans African Highways and the missing links

The African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United National Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will develop a study report entitled “Updated review of the implementation status of the Trans African Highways and the missing links”. The study aims to review the current development status of the Trans African Highways and to identify the missing links hindering its completion. It will update the first study carried out in 2003 jointly by the AfDB and ECA.

Issue date: October 2023





Continental Regulatory Framework to Crowd-in Private Investment in Africa's Electricity Markets

In partnership with the AUC, this publication is the framework document to pursue regulatory reforms in electricity markets towards improved private sector participation.

Issue date: November 2023



Report of the tenth conference on climate change and development in Africa

The report provides a record of the proceedings of the CCDA-XI conference structured as issues and key messages from each session.

Issue date: November 2023



Clean energy transition case studies, part 1

Case study in selected countries on the regional transition to clean energy.

Issue date: December 2023



Clean energy transition case studies, part 2

Case study in selected countries on the regional transition to clean energy.

Issue date: December 2023





A Technical Material on the Study on the informal sector with a view to formalizing them and increasing the tax base of member countries in the West African sub-region

This briefing note is prepared based on conducted study on the informal sector with a view to formalizing them and increasing the tax base of member countries in the West African sub-region.

Issue date: May 2023



A Technical Material on the Study to identify the main opportunities in terms value chains in the West African sub-region.

This guidance report is prepared based on identified continental value chains for which West Africa's countries have potential and comparative advantages in the regional market for goods and services

Issue date: May 2023



State of economic diversification in Central Africa

The State of economic diversification is a recurrent publication that will serve as a tool to monitor economic changes in Central Africa to help decision making.

Issue date: June 2023





New generation special economic zones for economic diversification and industrialization in Central Africa

This study focuses on the mechanisms to implement the New Generation Special Economic Zones to accelerate industrialization and diversification, support economic growth and achieve shared prosperity in Central Africa.

Issue date: June 2023



Skills for economic diversification and structural transformation in Central Africa

The study is an inventory of skills and other knowledge in support of economic diversification in Central Africa, to identify challenges, constraints and opportunities; and propose recommendations on the development strategy and mobilization of the necessary skills for the structural transformation of the economies of the subregion.

Issue Date: July 2023



West Africa 2022's Socio-Economic Profile

The Socio-economic Profile of West Africa is a report produced annually by SRO-WA. The objective is to assess the economic and social performance of the Sub-region, and formulate recommendations aimed at promoting the structural transformation of the Subregion as well as in deepening its integration. Specifically, this Profile gives an overview of the international economic environment; the current economic and social situation of the subregion and presents the outlook for the year 2023. It suggests on this basis a set of recommendations relevant to the sub-region.

Issue date: July 2023





Strategic framework for the development of new generation Special economic zones in Central Africa and operationalization guide

The purpose of the document is to synthesize the report on the strategy for the operationalization of new generation special economic zones in Central Africa with recommendations presenting the different stages for developing SEZ both strategically and operationally, at national level, but also at subregional level.

Issue date: July 2023



West Africa 2022 Sustainable Development report, progress towards achieving the agendas 2030 and related 2063 development goals: Targeting resilience to crisis strengthening to fast-track progress towards sustainable development

The report is assessing challenges in the monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators and progress that are made towards the economic transformation processes in West Africa. The final document is expected to highlight issues of resilience to crisis, challenges and opportunities in pursuing efforts for achieving the SDGs.

Issue date: July 2023



Burkina Faso's national analytical report on budgeting framework sensitive to demographic dividend (BSDD)

This 2022's report aims to inform budgeting process including the allocation of resources to the pillars of Demographic Dividend in Burkina Faso.

Issue date: August 2023





Framework for the formulation of a regional industrialization and economic diversification Master plan (regional PDIDE)

This regional PDIDE is a major and essential tool for transforming the economy of Central Africa, to create the conditions for the competitiveness of countries and companies, within the framework of regional integration.

Issue date: September 2023



Natural Capital and Rebasement Economic Wealth in Central Africa

The report produced by SRO-CA examines the importance of natural capital accounting to better assessing Central African countries wealth.

Issue date: September 2023



AU Guidelines for the Development of Regional Agricultural value Chains

The Guidelines provides framework that supports responsible agricultural growth poles in Africa.

Issue date: September 2023



Report on deepening regional value chains to make the AfCFTA work for Central Africa

The report explores the role of regional value chains to make the most of AfCFTA in Central Africa.

Issue date: September 2023





Guidelines for the Development of Agro-poles in Africa

The Guidelines provides framework that supports responsible agricultural growth poles in Africa.

Issue date: October 2023



A Policy paper on national population policies and sustainable development in West Africa

The paper provides insights into the policy and investment requirements to harnessing demographic dynamic which is essential to achieving sustainable development in West Africa.

Issue date: November 2023



Fostering Leadership and Transformative Change for Economic Diversification in Central Africa

The study reviews the state of leadership and transformational change in Central Africa, identify gaps and propose practical ways of bolstering the understanding and practice of both interlaced concepts to accelerate economic diversification in Central Africa.

Issue date: December 2023





2022's report on the work of ECA in West Africa

The report covers the main activities carried out by the SRO-WA from the ICSOE 24th session, November 2021 to October 2022. These activities were implemented in accordance with the strategic framework and programme plans 2021&2022. They continued to be implemented in accordance with the assigned mandate and organised around the 3 ECA core functions: Think tank, convening and operational. It also describes the building-up of the operational capacities of its Centre of Excellence for Demographic Dynamics for Development (DDD) and, in a bid to strengthen subregional cooperation and integration.

Issue date: February 2023



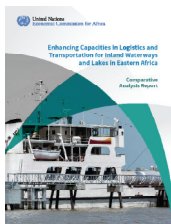
The 2022's final report on twenty-fifth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa (25th ICSOE)

The report provides description of the proceeding of the 25th session of ICSOE for West Africa including the recommendations that are adopted by delegates of member States in November 2022 during the Joint ICSOE for North and West Africa in Marrakech (Morocco).

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Back Catalogue



Enhancing capacities in logistics and transportation for inland water ways and lakes in Eastern Africa: comparative analysis report

The lakes and waterways of East Africa that provide the greatest expanse of inland water in the tropics represent untapped potential for transport and logistics. Countries in East Africa have recognized this potential and have been reviving the Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) sector to meet the rising demand for transport and logistics

and support the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Through best practices from international experience and transport development trends, East Africa has embraced an integrated multi-modal corridor approach and leapfrogged IWT development.

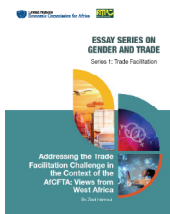
Advancing entrepreneurial universities in Africa: Ethiopia, Ghana and South Africa



Universities have been increasingly expected to transcend their conventional teaching and research missions to incorporate a third mission, which emphasizes enhanced external engagement and direct contributions to the socioeconomic development of their localities. The third mission expands the active role of the university as a catalyst for entrepreneurship and thus for the socioeconomic development of countries, thereby paving the way for the development of entrepreneurial universities. The present report is aimed at enriching the understanding of the status of development

of entrepreneurial universities in Africa.

Addressing the trade facilitation challenge in the context of the AfCFTA: views from West Africa



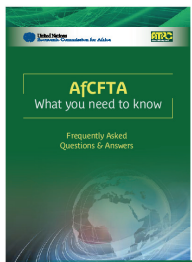
The year 2020 saw an unraveling of Geo-political alliances and global economic governance in general. Global supply chains and transportation networks suffered major disruptions, mainly because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine crisis, which started with Russia's invasion in February 2022. Over the past decade of engaging in advocacy and public-private partnership on regional trade in West Africa, the private sector-led trade advocacy group Border-less Alliance has come to understand and appreciate the difficulty of enforcing the free and fair implementation of regional regulations at the national level so that they benefit all parties involved.

Human capital and productive employment creation: addressing Africa's skills gap



The levels of human capital and skills differ widely between continents and over time. While skills and human capital on the African continent have improved over time, a gap with other continents remains (Penn 2019). Of more concern, the gap in human capital between Africa and the rest of the world has widened slightly over the years. While the fast pace of Asia's human capital growth has contributed to this growing gap, the fact remains that Africa is behind its peers in other continents and the rest of the world.

AfCFTA what you need to know: frequently asked questions & answers



Exercising its mandate to promote the economic and social development of its member States and foster intra-African integration, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has been relentlessly supporting the effort to establish and operationalize the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) since the inception of the idea in 2012. ECA's support to the AfCFTA project is led primarily by the Regional Integration and Trade Division (RITD), which works closely with all other ECA divisions, sub-regional offices (SROs) and the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP).

