



Seizing the opportunities of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) for women traders:

A South-South cooperation event

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The AfCFTA aims at the creation of a single liberalized market that will change Africa's commercial and trade practices and accelerate continental economic growth. Although the agreement presents a unique opportunity, the absence of a chapter dedicated to gender and trade and the shift from subsistence-oriented production systems to more market-oriented ones could leave behind small producers in the agriculture sector, including women. In order to identify solutions to challenges posed by the roll out of the AfCFTA, FAO has partnered with the African Women Agribusiness Network – Afrika (AWAN Afrika) and the International Trade Center (ITC) to promote the exchange of lessons learned among countries on gender-sensitive trade policies and economic measures that have worked for the benefit of both women and men.

Thematic sessions

Session 1: Setting the scene - Contextualizing women and trade in Africa

Session 2: Women's Economic and Financial Inclusion

Session 3: Market access

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