



## ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECA)

### The AfCFTA's economic benefits are largely centered on intra-African trade

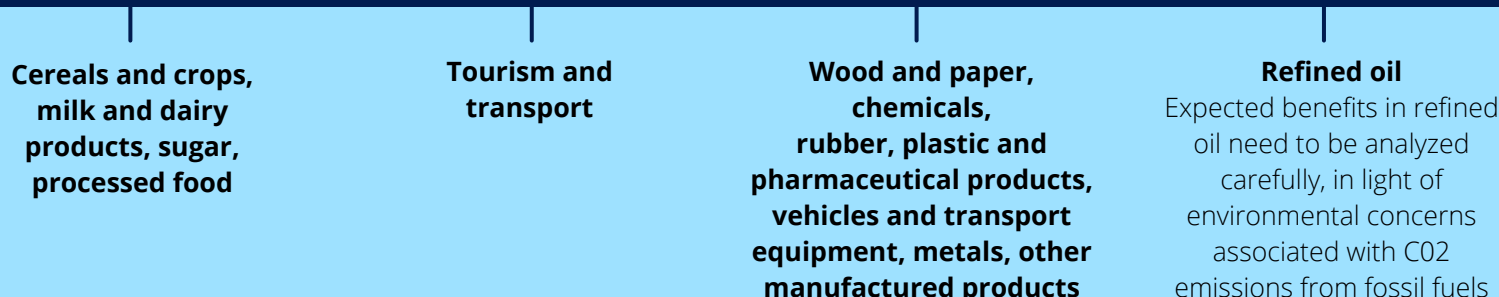
*The AfCFTA is expected to have positive impact on Africa's global GDP, trade, output and welfare*

Intra-African trade creation would also lead to an improvement in Africa's output

**Percentage change in intra-African trade, by main sectors with AfCFTA implemented in 2045 as compared to baseline (i.e. without AfCFTA)**



At sub-sectoral level, the most notable increases in intra-African trade, with positive output variations are to be found in:



### GREEN RECOVERY PATHWAYS ARE ESSENTIAL TO HELPING AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO GET BACK ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE THE SDGS AND BUILD LONG-TERM MULTIDIMENSIONAL RESILIENCE

#### 1. COVID-19 has compounded the serious and existential threats posed by climate change to Africa

- Climate impacts will cause annual losses in Africa of between 3-5% of GDP by 2030 under a business-as-usual scenario. In some cases, this will be as much as 15% of GDP.
- The region already spends over 5% on average of its GDP, amounting to \$335 billion annually to respond to climate disasters.
- COVID led to a contraction of over 4% of GDP initially
- The pandemic has widened the continent's financing gap to \$385 billion and derailed progress towards the achievement of the SDGs.

#### 2. Case studies show that targeted green investments can create the largest multiplier effects such as greater gross value added, more new jobs and a better recovery from the COVID-19 crisis than with traditional, fossil fuel-based investments

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- ✓ **420%** More value added in the economy

##### Dem. Rep. of Congo

- ✓ **130%** more jobs in the short term
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##### Kenya

- ✓ **120%** more jobs in the short term
- ✓ **200%** More value added in the economy

##### Egypt

- ✓ **55%** more jobs in the short term
- ✓ **150%** More value added in the economy

