

# AfCFTA & the Grains Sector

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# Update on the AfCFTA Negotiations

- ❑ The AfCFTA Agreement brings together 55 AU Member States.
- ❑ The AfCFTA will see the progressive liberalization of duties on 97% of traded goods.
- ❑ The fundamental objective is to increase intra-Africa trade.
- ❑ About 54 out of 55 countries have signed the Agreement.
- ❑ To date, about 47 MS have signed and ratified the AfCFTA. This covers 85% of the AU Membership.
- ❑ Further, about 43 tariff offers on traded goods have been submitted.
- ❑ Agreed RoO now stand at about 88% of the tariff lines.



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# Update on the AfCFTA Negotiations (cont'd)

- ❑ In Feb 2023, SACU finalized its AfCFTA Offer/ PSTC.
- ❑ The Offer covers 90% of the tariff book (category A).
- ❑ All SACU MS have signed & ratified the Agreement.
- ❑ All the key trade instruments have been concluded.
- ❑ Outstanding issues include RoO for a few chapters/pdts, tariff offers and key administrative & customs matters.
- ❑ RSA is finalizing its administrative issues (gazetting & publishing of the Offer/ PSTC).
- ❑ The AfCFTA tariff phasedown is effective from Jan 2021.



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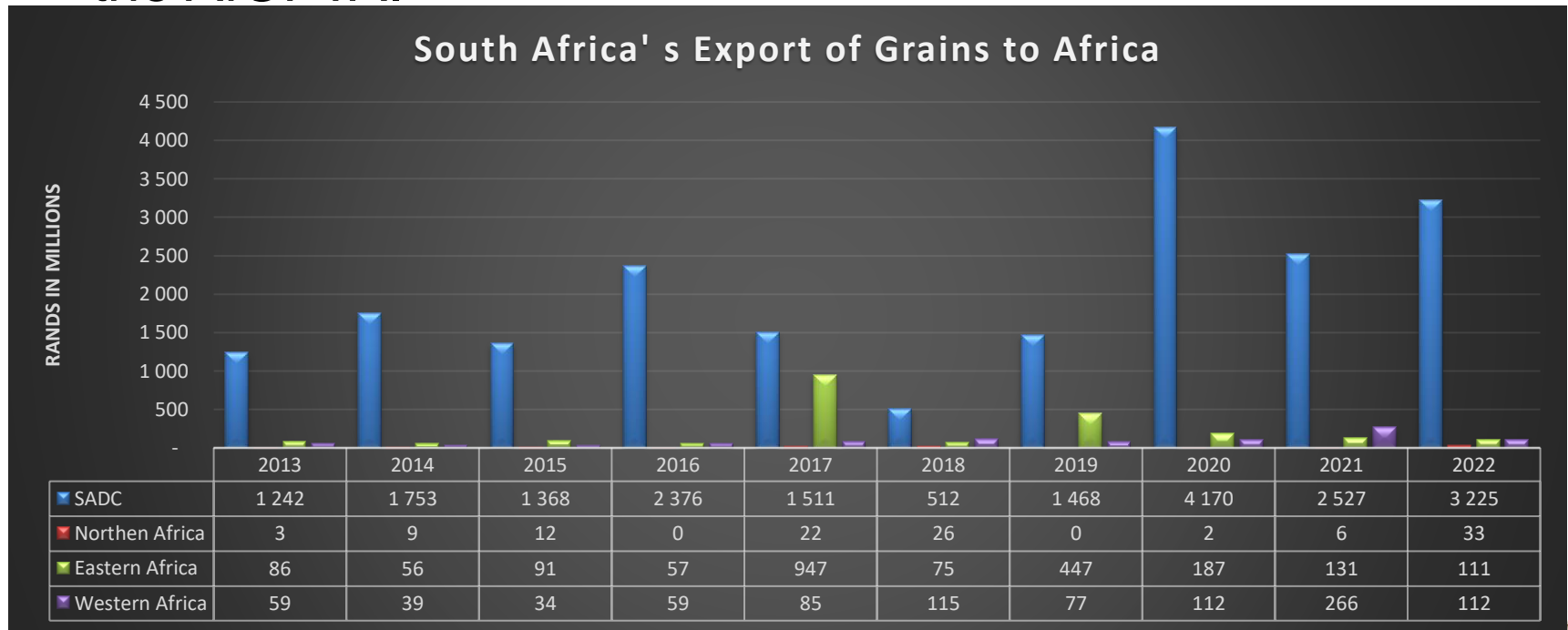
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- ❑ GS is one of the key industries that stand to benefit from the AfCFTA.



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# AfCFTA & the Grains Sector (analysis)

- ❑ The realistic export opportunities have been analyzed using the DS Model.
- ❑ Potential export opportunities exist largely in:
  - East Africa, Western Africa, Central Africa & North Africa
- ❑ Exports are currently concentrated in Southern Africa largely due to the SACU Agreement & the SADC FTA.
- ❑ Maize is the leading product with high realistic export potential beyond the Southern African market.
- ❑ Key potential export markets include Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Sudan, Senegal, Nigeria & Ghana.



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