



Boosting Intra-African Agricultural Trade to Build Resilience of Small-Scale Farmers

Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor 2021

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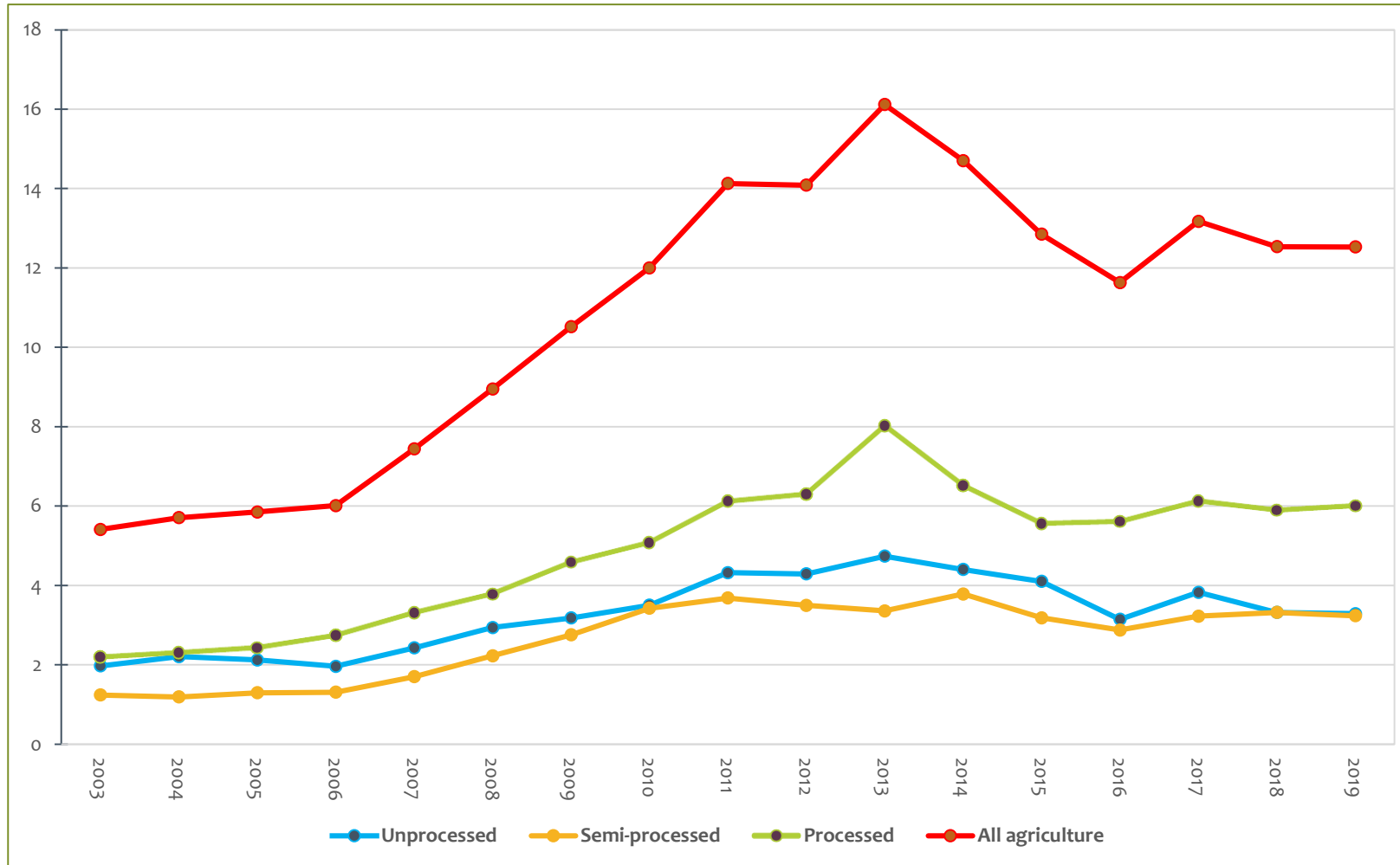
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- **Two objectives and two requirements**
 - **Objectives**
 - Present recent trends
 - Provide analyses of important issues
 - **Requirements**
 - A unique database designed with coherence
 - Policy recommendations

Long-term augmentation of intra-African agr trade

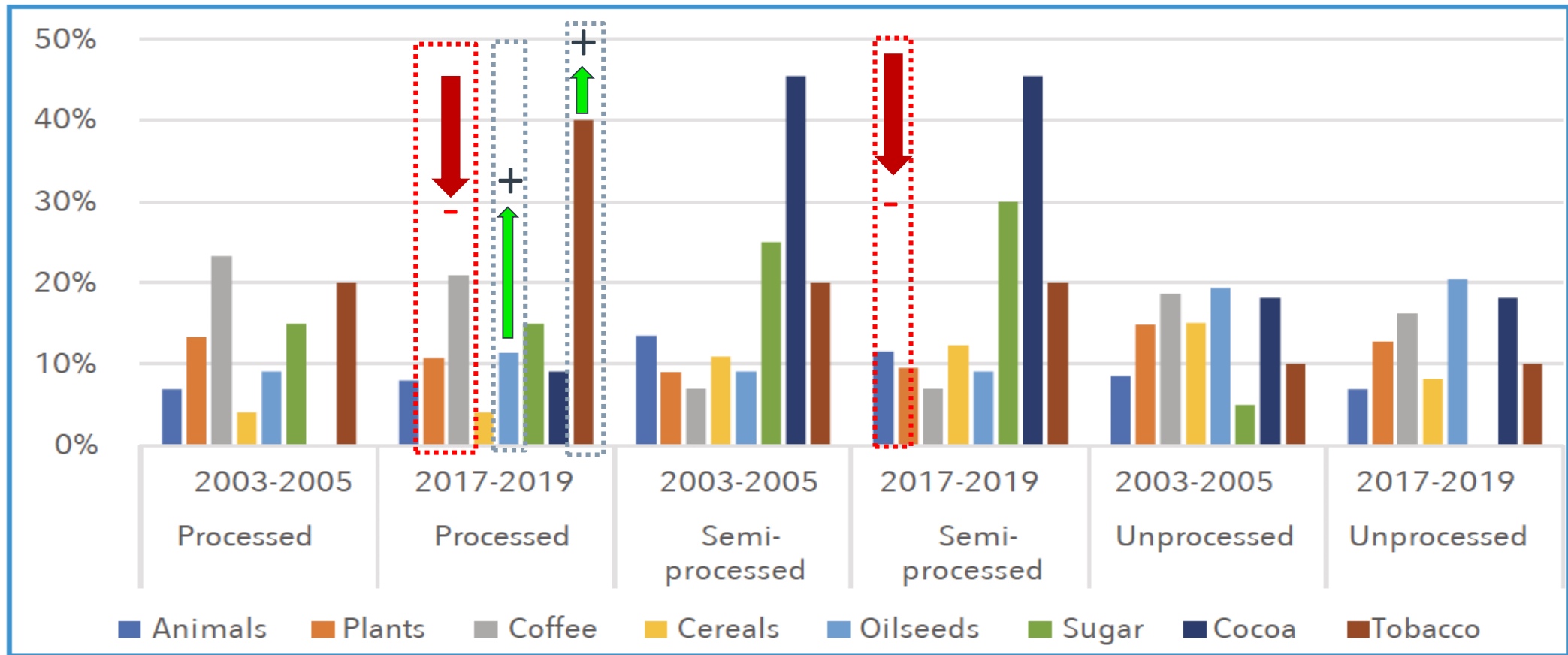
Trends in intra-African agricultural trade, 2003–2019 (US\$ billions)



Source: Constructed from the 2021 AATM database.

What do African Countries trade with RCA?

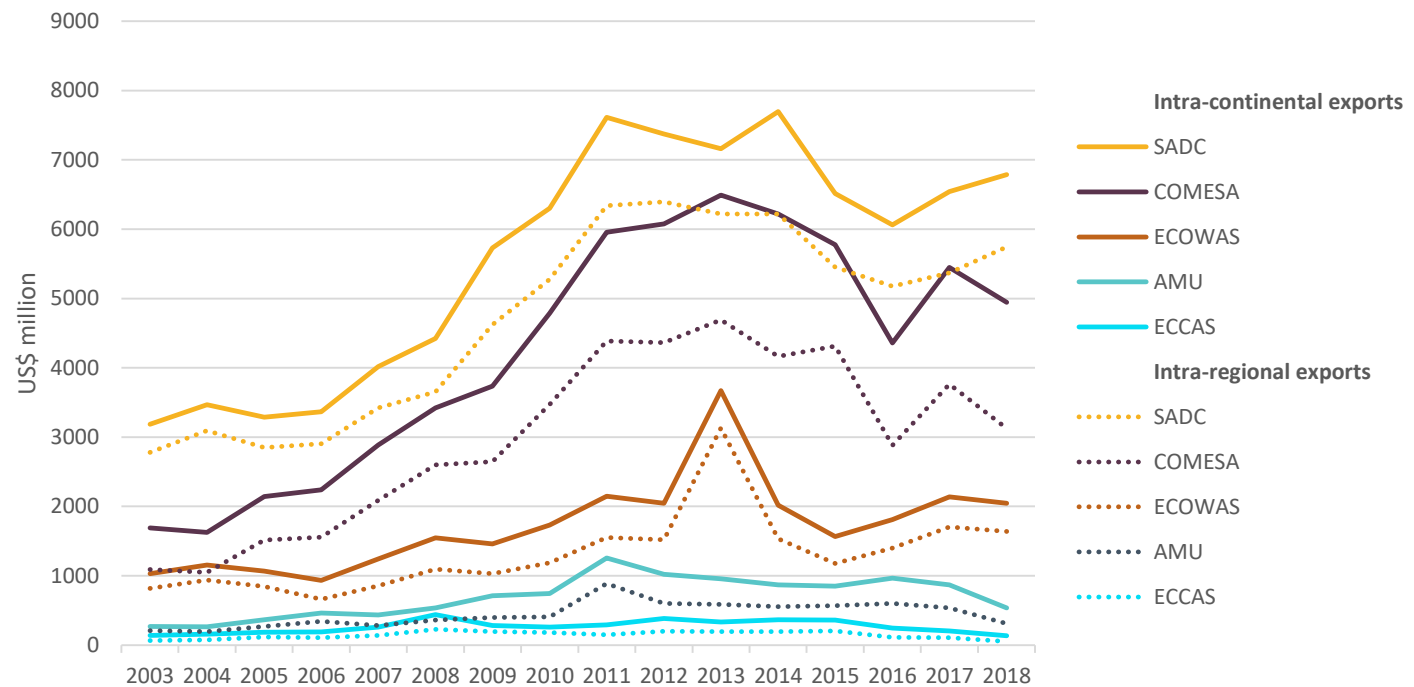
Share of RCAs (at HS6 level) in 8 sectors by processing stage, 2003–2005 and 2017–2019 (%)



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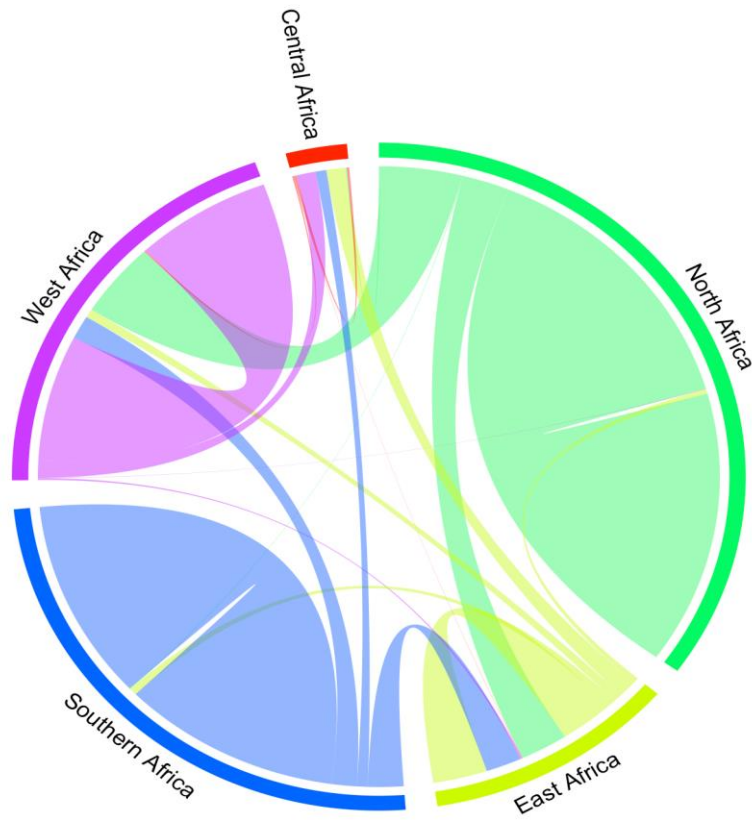


From the AfCFTA, a substantial increase of agricultural trade between RECs is expected

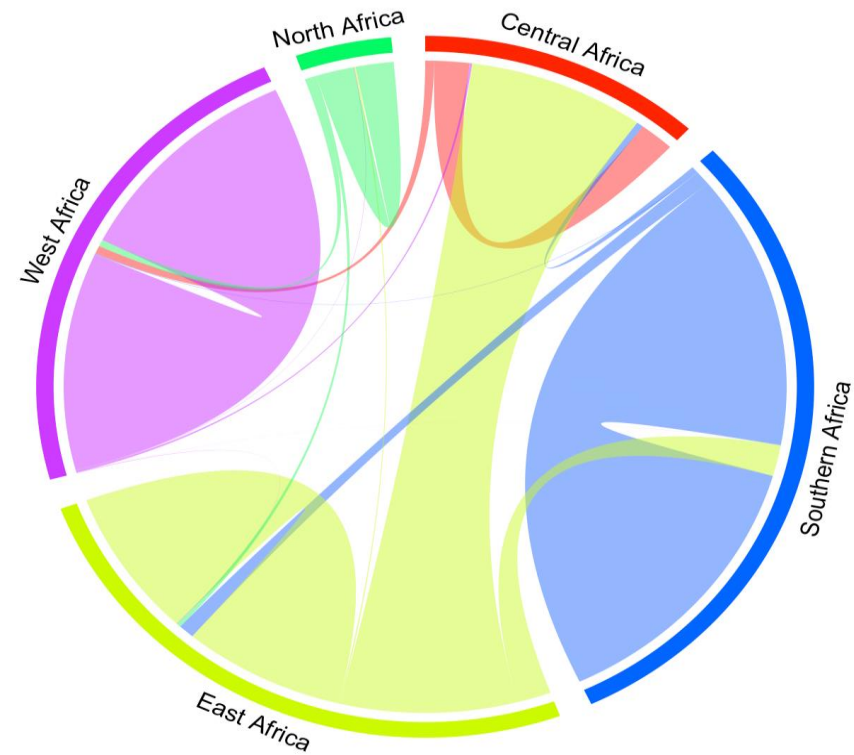


— Source: 2020 AATM database

- Intra-African trade of agricultural products is regionally segmented.
- Very small trade share between regions in Africa



Rice intra-African trade share between regions, 2003-2007



Rice intra-African trade share between regions, 2015-2019



Channels of transmission

- National

 - Sanitary measures

- International intra-African (trade)

 - Closure of African borders

 - Sanitary controls at border

 - Curfews

- International worldwide (trade)

 - Shock on world prices of energy and mineral products

 - Remittances

 - Tourism

 - International aid

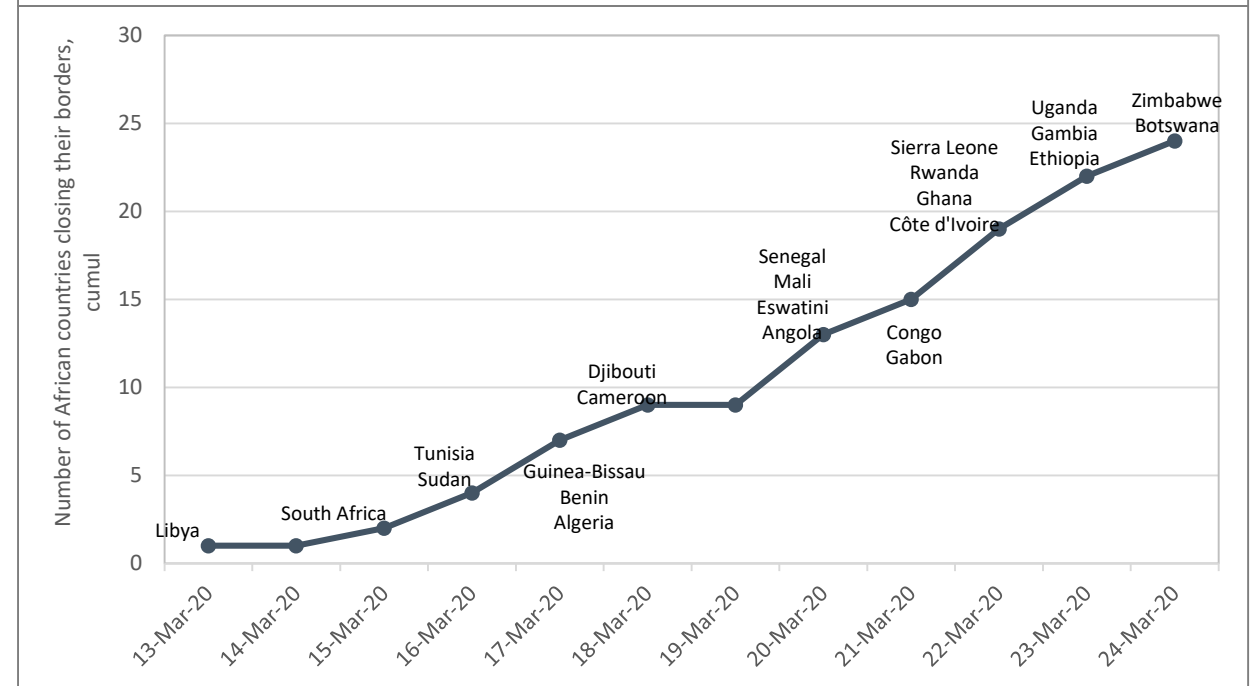
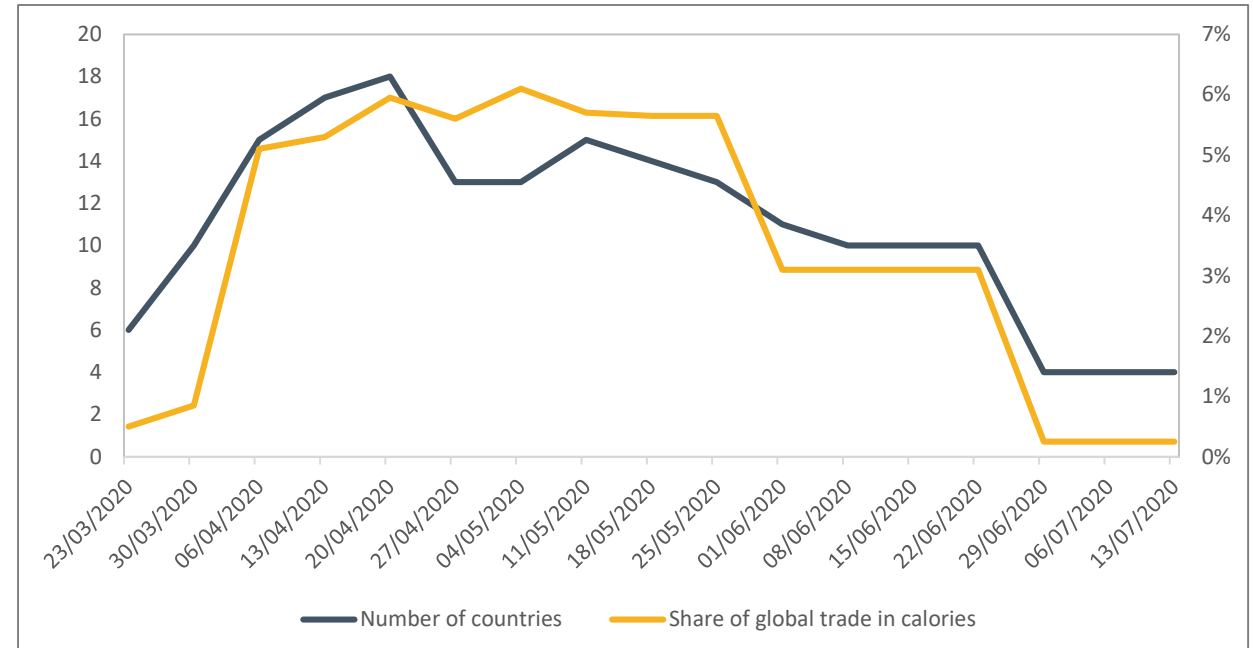


Impact of COVID-19 on Africa

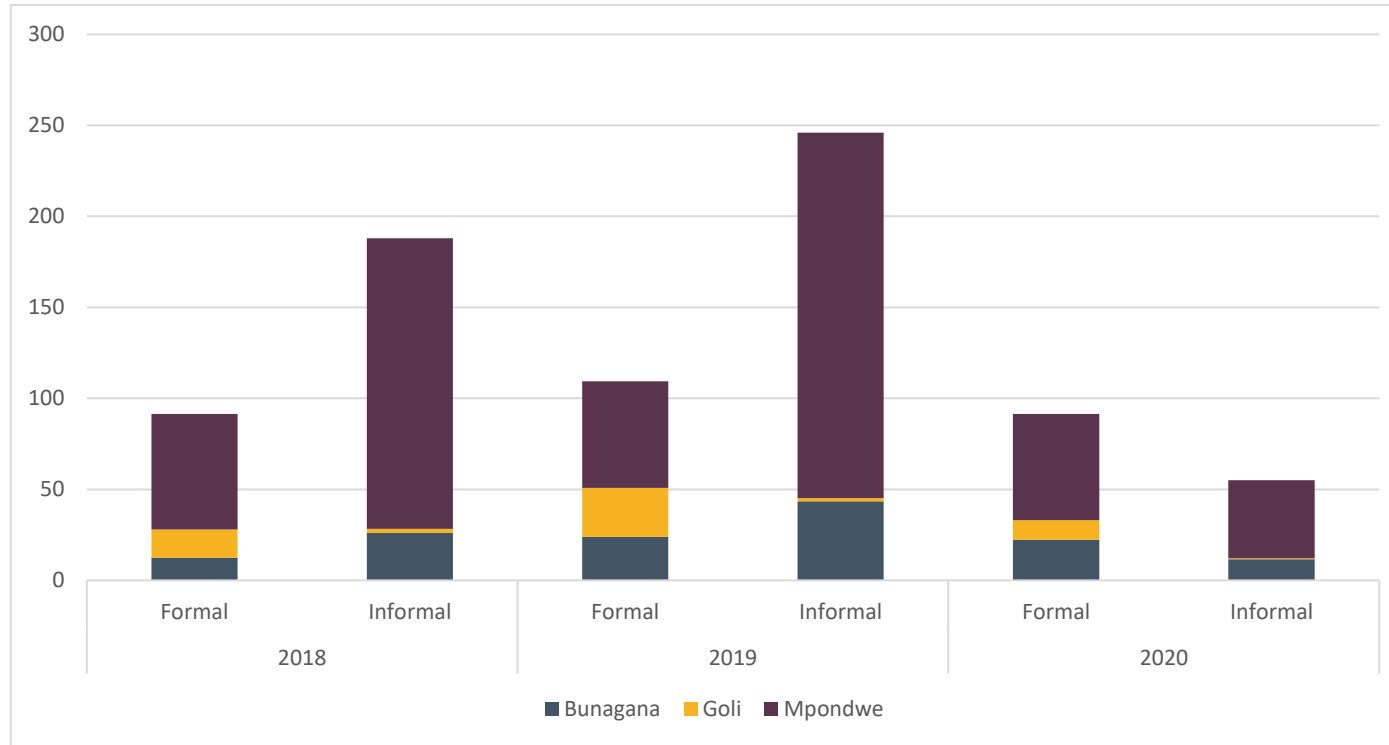
- How did governments react to COVID-19?

- Export restrictions
- Closure of borders
- Sanitary measures:
 - Sanitary controls at borders
 - Interdiction of movement of people

- Impact on trade (informal)?



Substantial reduction in Informal Cross-Border Trade in Uganda



Formal and informal cross-border trade at three border posts of Uganda, 2018/2019/2020
 Source: UBOS, 2020

Conclusion

- Intra-African agricultural trade includes more processed products than trade with non-Afr. Countries
- Recent research: VCs emerge where trading costs are very low
- There are still significant trade barriers between RECs
- Potential development of regional VCs depends on:
 - A successful implementation of the AfCFTA (tariffs, NTMs, ...)
 - Structural actions (infrastructure, customs procedure, ...)