



AfDB Support to Acceding Countries

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Context

Trade has a potential to drive growth and lift millions out of poverty

Yet many developing countries face barriers preventing them from tapping on the benefits

Africa's markets too small and poorly connected

Supply-side capacity challenges, etc.

The Bank's Response

Strategic Priorities

- **Bank TYS**
 - ❖ Inclusive Growth
 - ❖ Transition to green growth
- **Bank's High-5:**
 - ❖ Light-up & Power Africa
 - ❖ Feed Africa
 - ❖ Industrialize Africa
 - ❖ **Integrate Africa**
 - ❖ Improve the living conditions of people of Africa

Programming Tools

- Support is provided through two programming instruments: *Regional Integration Strategy Papers (RISPs)* and *Country Strategy Papers (CSPs)*
- Strong alignment with national priorities (NDPs) and regional priorities (REC strategic plans, regional flagship projects, etc.)
- Demand-driven & commitment to implementation

Integrate Africa

Creating larger and more attractive markets

Linking landlocked and island countries to regional and global markets and supporting intra-African trade

- Invest in regional infrastructure
- Industrialization and Trade Development
- Building capacity: RECs, RMCs, other regional organizations



Infrastructure

Role of the Bank

- Investment; Project Prep in:
- Transportation
- Reliable energy
- ICT
- Water

Trade Finance

- Trade Finance Line of credit
- Risk participation agreement
- Soft commodity finance

Knowledge products

- Flagship Reports
- Tools
- Diagnostic studies

Trade-related Capacity Building

RECs and RMCs
Trade support institutions

Private sector loans

Results

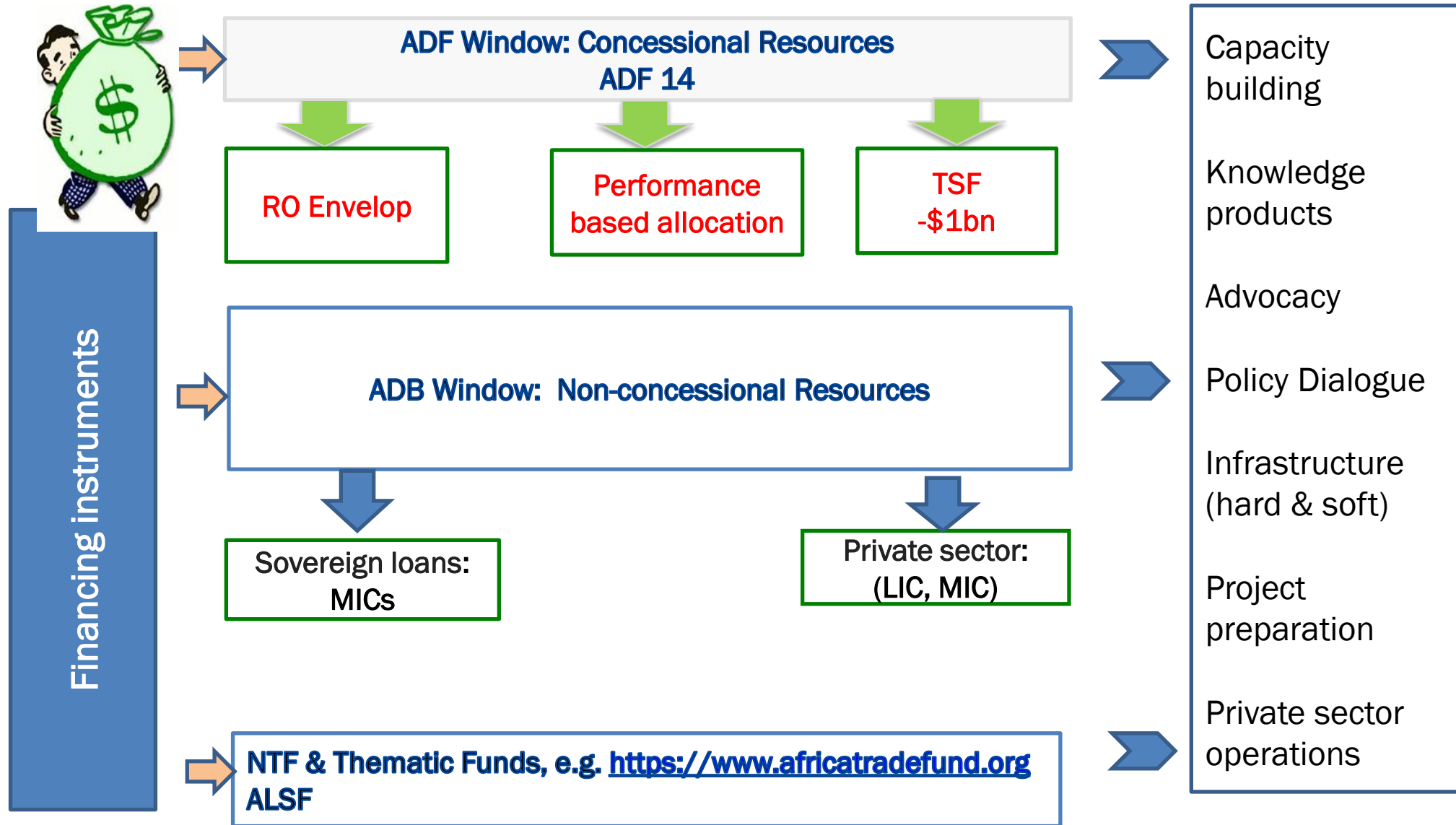
- Reduction in trade costs and time
- Enhanced competitiveness
- Trade growth

- Addressing the liquidity challenge

- Facilitate evidence-based reforms
- Share good practices
- Disseminate information

- Training & Workshops
- Equipment (e.g. ICT)
- Enhanced capacity to meet standards

How Can Partners tap on Bank's Support



Examples of On-going Projects

- Capacity Building: *Tripartite Capacity Building Project (UA5m)*
 - TA
 - Participation in negotiations: MA, RoO, SPS, NTMs
 - Studies
 - T-RECs, RMCs, Business organizations
- Infrastructure: *Mombasa - Nairobi – Addis-Ababa road corridor phase III (UA105 m)*
 - 200km of new road
 - Improved road asset management system
 - construction of road side amenities between Hawassa and Agaremariam.
- *IGAD Regional Infrastructure Master Plan & Financing Strategy (UA2.5m)*
- *Ethiopia/kenya power interconnection (UA 225 million)*

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- Trade Finance: *Regional financial institutions (TDB & ATI) - country membership programme (UA 13.38M, South Sudan)*

Examples of Knowledge Products

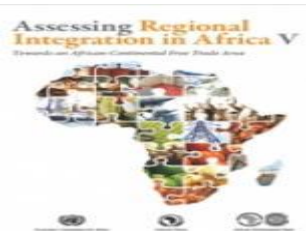


Africa Visa Openness Index

[www.http://www.visaopenness.org](http://www.visaopenness.org)



AFRICA Regional
Integration Index



<https://www.integrate-africa.org/>

Assessing Regional Integration in Africa



OSBP Source Book

<https://www.icafrica.org/en/news-events/ica-news/article/revised-one-stop-border-post-sourcebook-to-be-published-523829/>

Lessons Learnt

- Combining hard and soft infrastructure interventions
 - Physical facilities
 - ICT (Border Operations Management & Single Window)
 - Furniture, out-fitting
 - Bilateral agreements, legislative reform, reduced forms, streamlined procedures
 - Training for officials
- Partnerships; cooperation and collaboration are vital
- Demand-driven interventions
- Challenge of *ad hoc* requests
- Important role monitoring

Conclusion

- AfDB plays an active role in supporting its RMCs and RECs to better engage at the regional and multilateral trade
- Focus is on building capacities and enhancing competitiveness to enable African countries participate more effectively
- A number of options are available to countries to access Bank support



THANK YOU!

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