Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2022-01-24
Borrower	African Organisation for Standardisation
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 2.84 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the project seeks to address and minimize the technical barriers to trade across - African countries’ borders through the harmonization and certification of African standards for dairy, horticulture, fisheries, and aquaculture products. Regional Member Countries (RMCs) have diverse national standards and certification requirements for agricultural goods such as dairy, horticulture, fisheries, and aquaculture products. However, these are not harmonized at the sub-regional, regional and continental levels and, therefore, constitute a technical barrier to trade. Even though over 80% of the commodities traded across Africa’s borders are agricultural goods, lack of harmonized standards and streamlined certification requirements is an intractable challenge. This challenge is compounded by uncoordinated border processes and procedures, limited digitalization and rudimentary trade facilitation procedures, which tend to raise the costs of doing business while exacerbating Africa’s lack of competitiveness in cross-border and international trade. Due to lack of harmonized standards and adequate certification, the volumes and values traded among RMCs are low and characterized by stagnation in the basic stages of the dairy, horticulture, fisheries, and aquaculture products value chains.

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal report (en)
- Appraisal report (fr)
- Environmental Study (fr)
- General Procurement Notice (en)