



The Common African Agro-Parks Programme (CAAPs)

The Common African Agro-Parks (CAAPs) as a drive of Innovation in African free trade zones

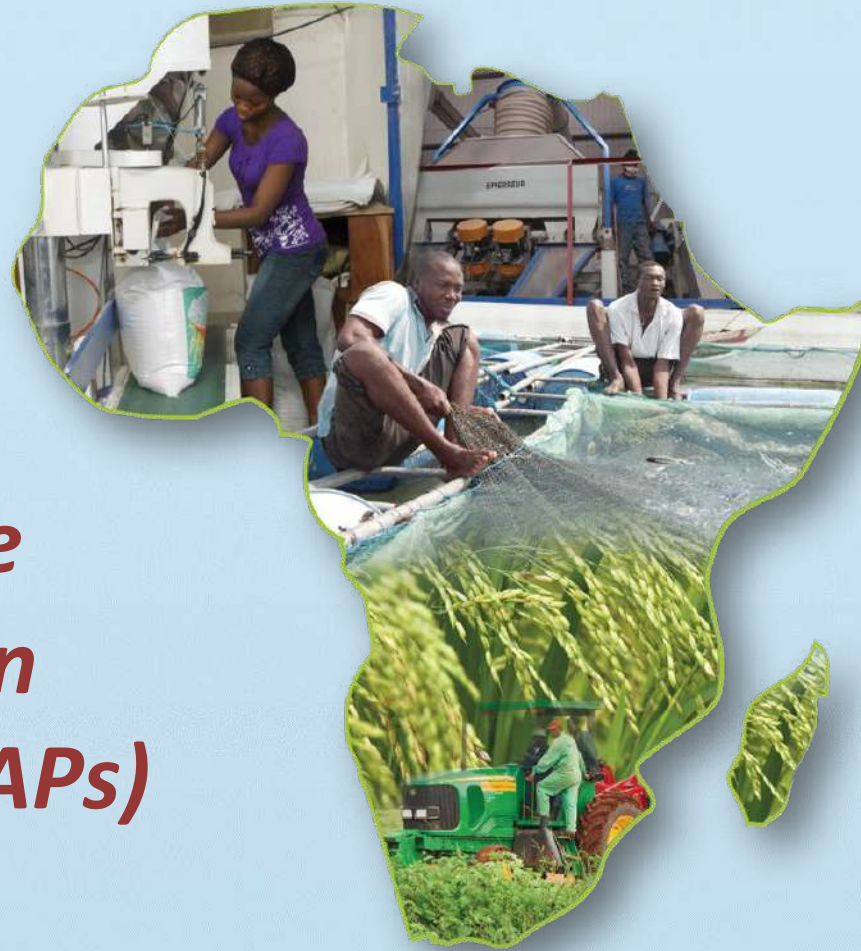
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Outline

- 1 What are the the CAAPs ?
- 2 Why are the CAAPs CRITICAL for the AfCFTA ?
- 3 How can CAAPs attract investments to boost INNOVATION ?
- 4 AfCFTA role the CAAPs Free T&I Zones for Scaling Innovations
- 5 Partnerships

***1. What are the
Common African
Agro-Parks (CAAPs)***



Agenda **2063**

The Africa we Want





□ 7 Aspirations □
20 Goals

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**Livestock-
CAAP**



**Horticulture-
CAAP**



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3. *Livestock- CAAP*
4. *Poultry- CAAP*
5. *Horticulture-CAAP*
6. *Roots & Tubers-CAAP*
7. *Cocoa-CAAP*
8. *Wheat-CAAP*

**Maize-
CAAP**



**Rice-
CAAP**



Yearly

20 million
tons of
maize

Yearly

12.7 million
tons of rice
production

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Yam & Cassava- CAAP

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million
of
and
ers



Poultry- CAAP

Yearly
million
of
at



Cocoa- CAAP

Yearly
Full
transformat
ion of Cocoa
in West
Africa



Wheat- CAAP

Yearly
Quantum of
of Wheat
supplied to
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Major Agro-Park Hubs in all 5 Sub-regions



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North Africa

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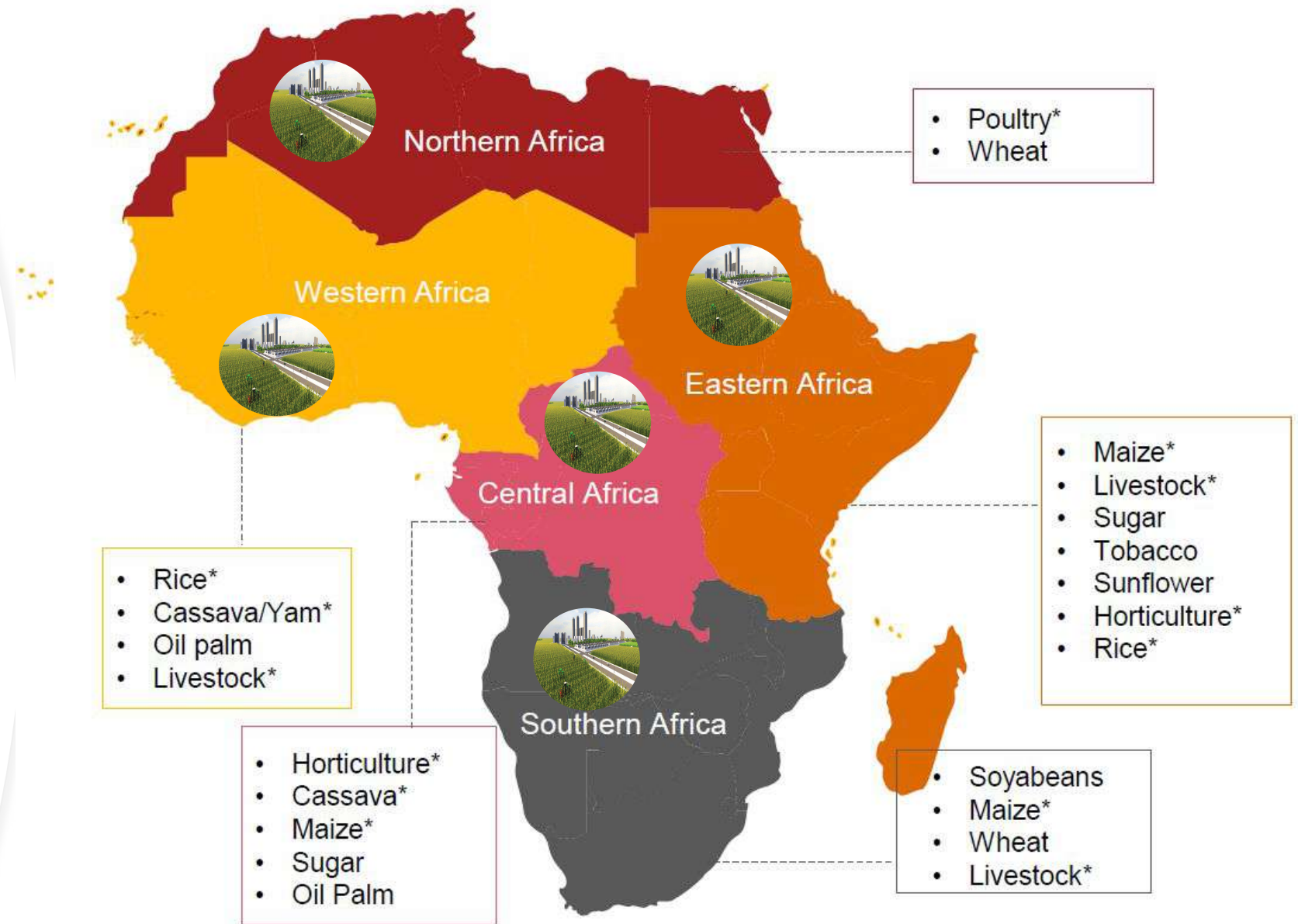
East Africa

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The 05 Regional CAAPs and commodities

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Regional distribution of key Crops (by production & importation) in Africa

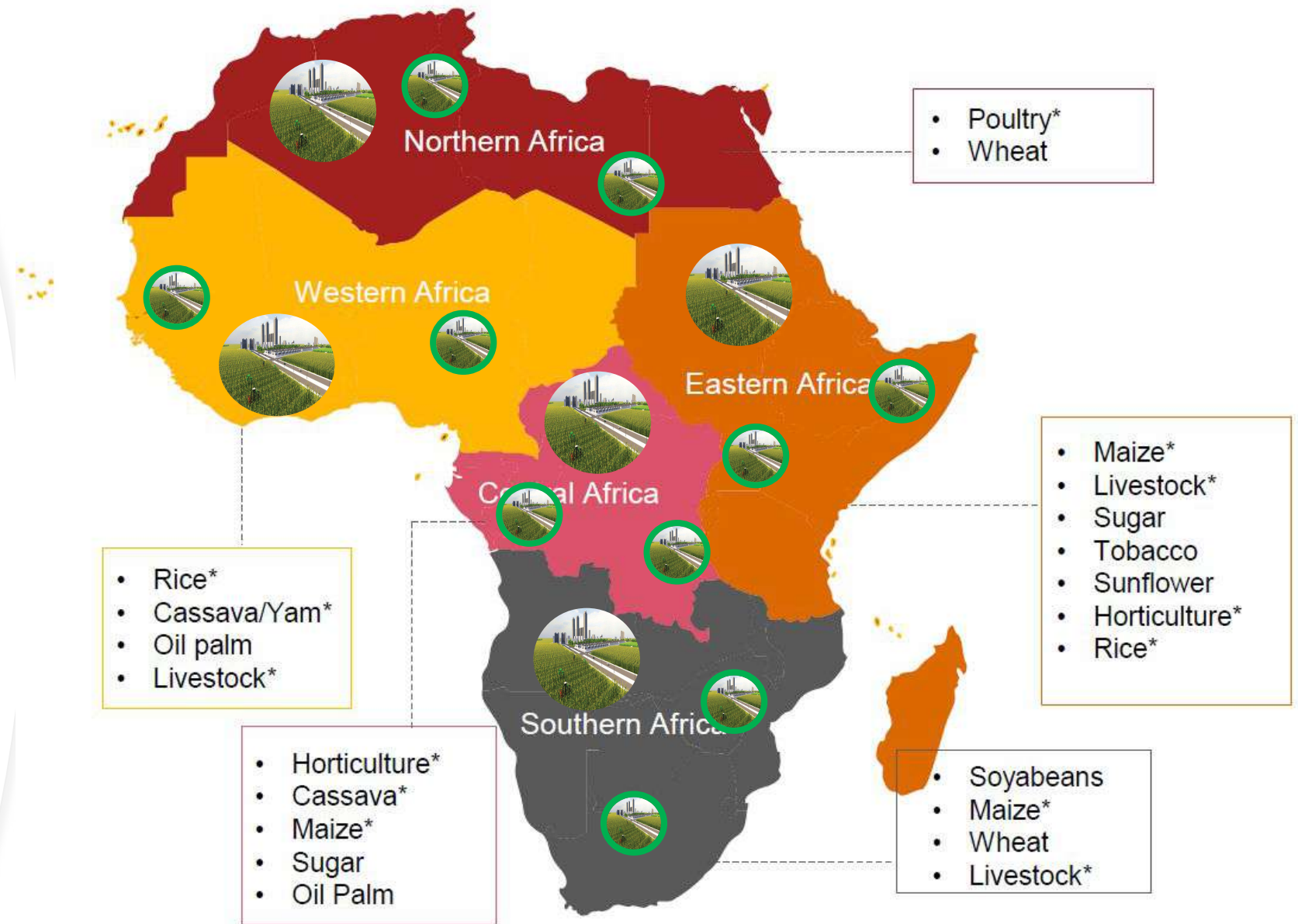
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Building lessons with 10 CAAPs Demonstration Projects

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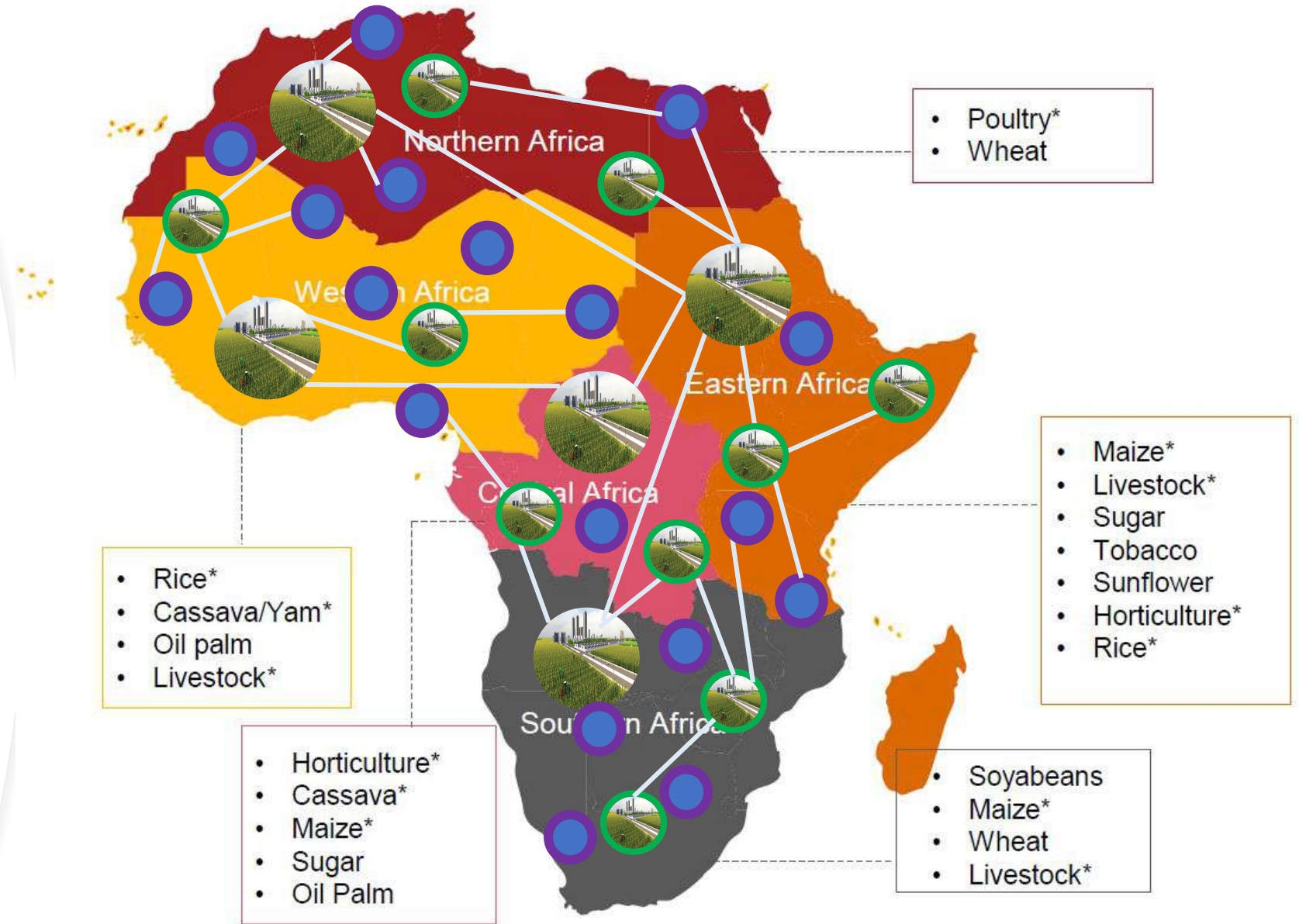
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... for establishing integrated value chains for food commodities in Africa

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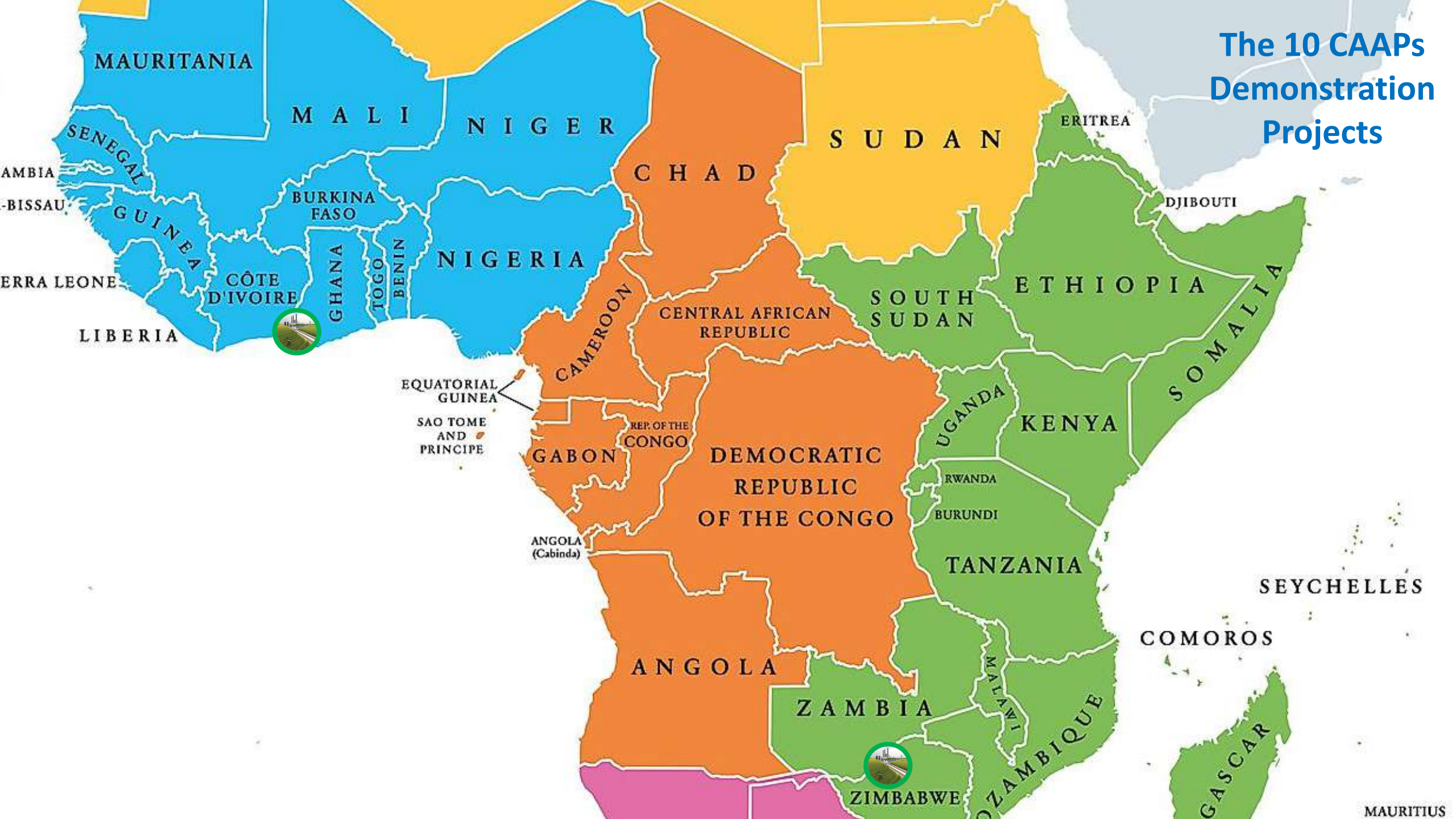


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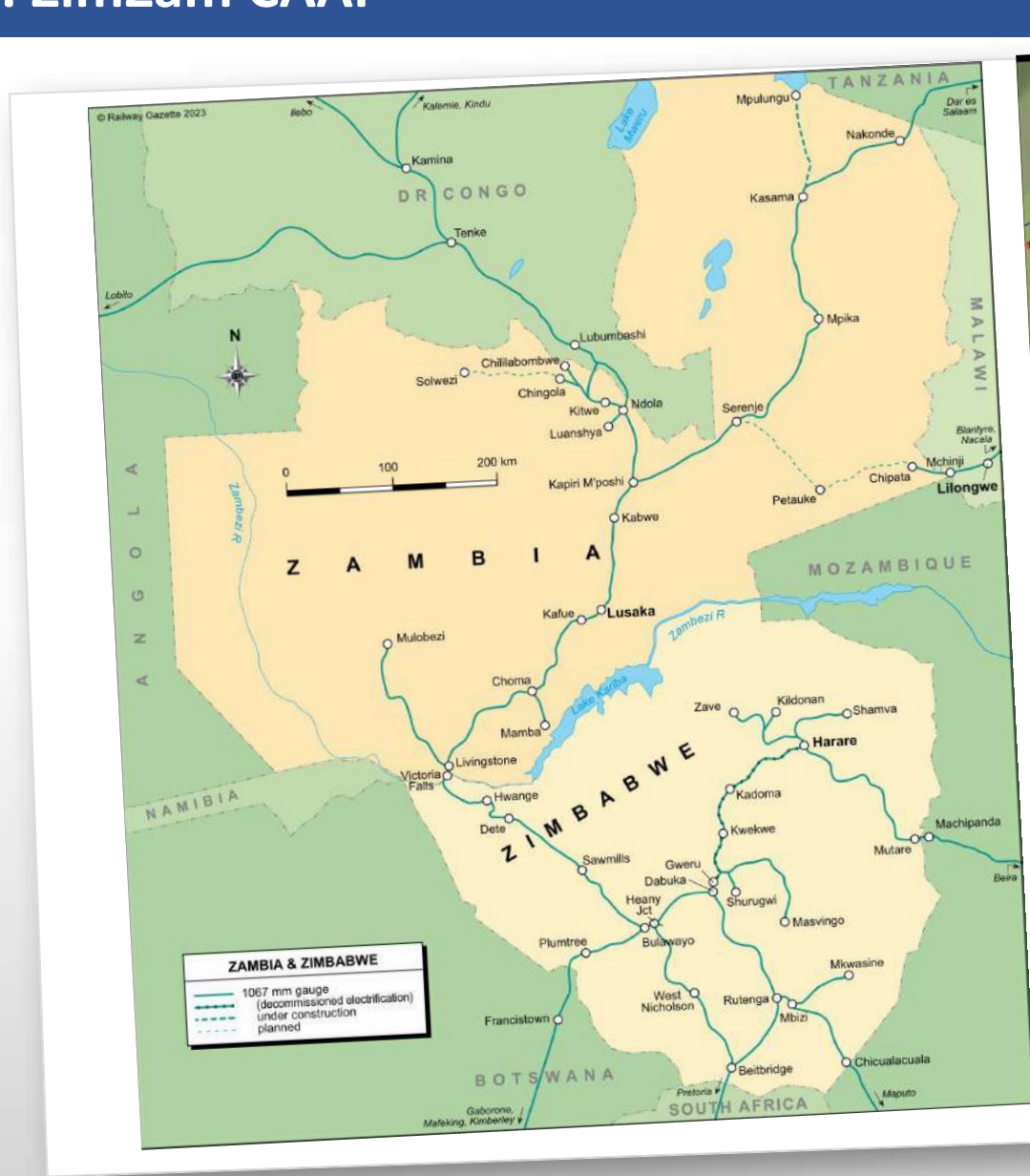
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The 10 CAAPs Demonstration Projects



NO.1: ZimZam CAAP



Advanced commitment from the 2 countries ... studies being initiated ...

No.2: Taking advantage of Cote d'Ivoire-Ghana Cocoa Initiative (CIGCI)

Cocoa- CAAP

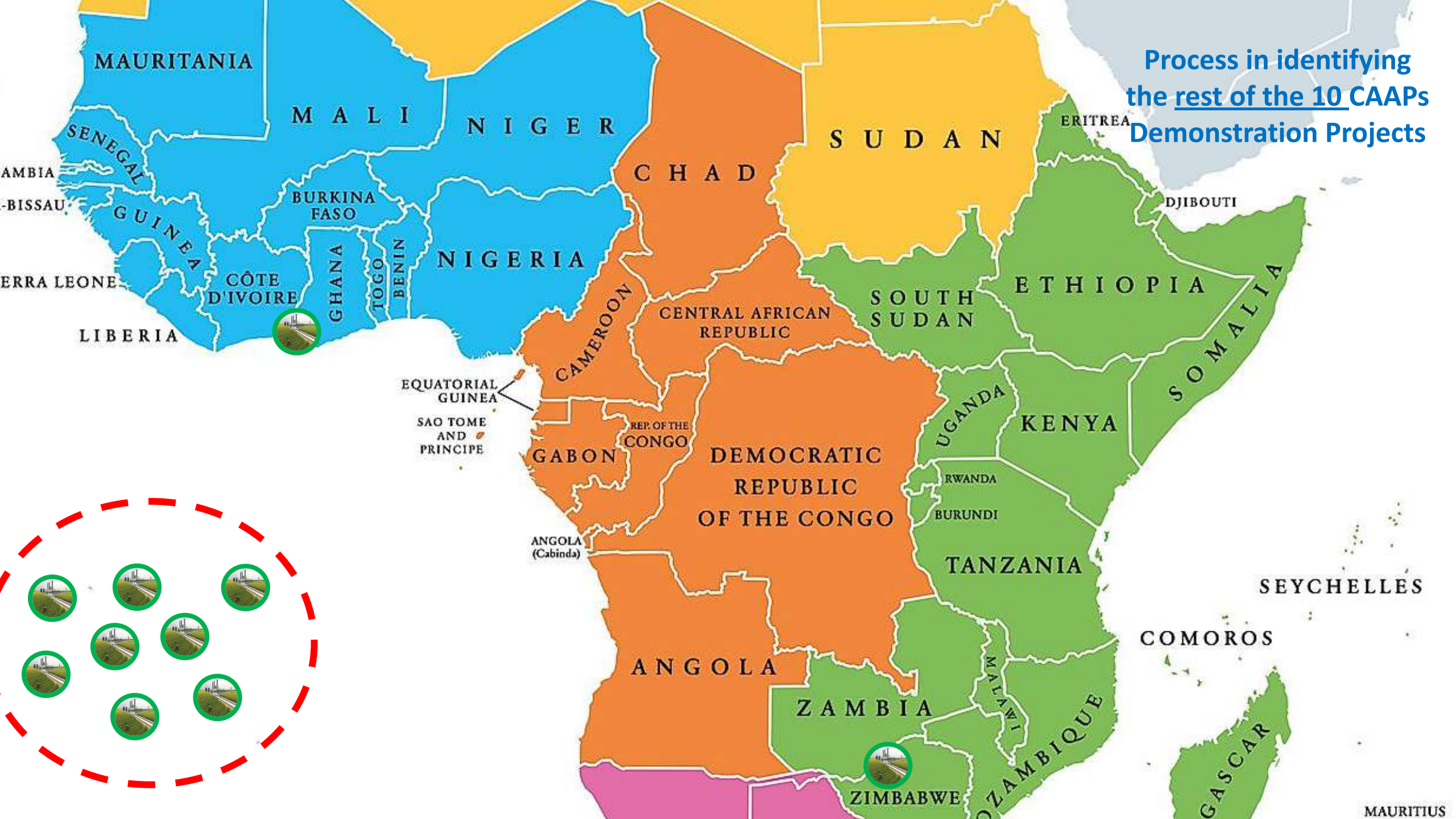
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Full
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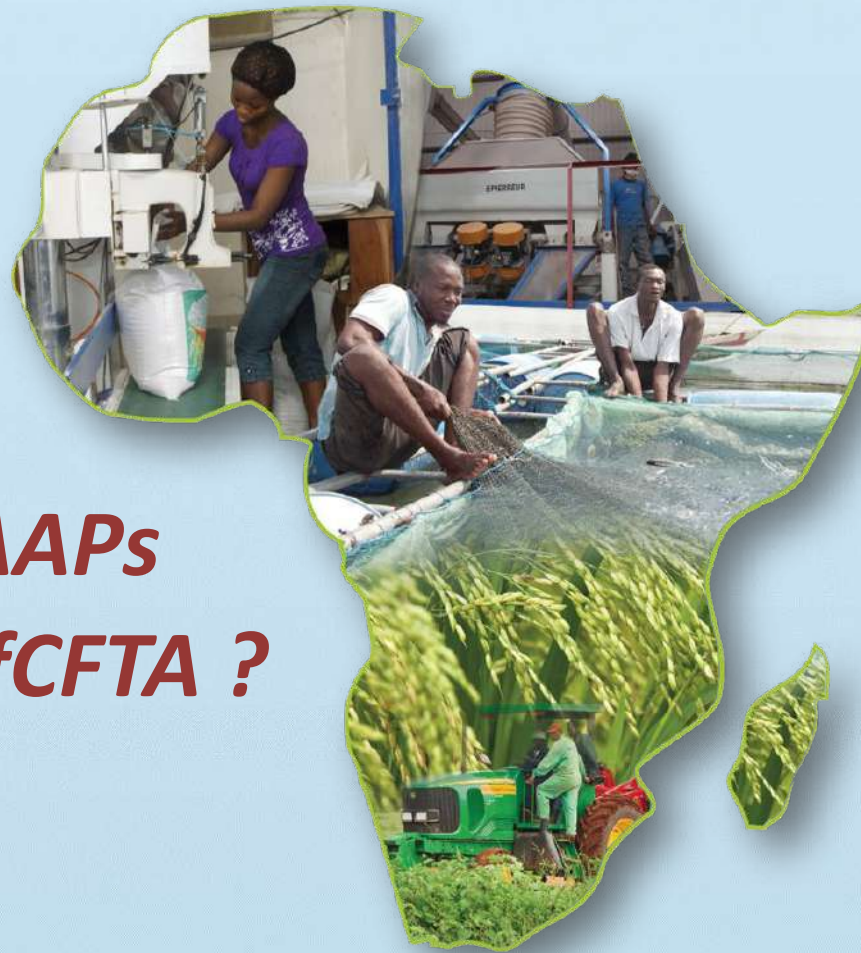


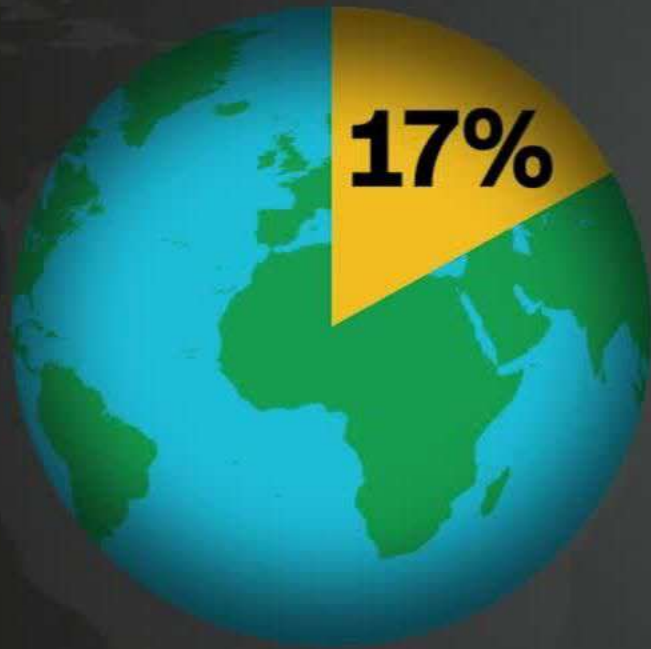
CIGCI mobilizing its technical platform to join the CAAPs platform ...

Process in identifying
the rest of the 10 CAAPs
Demonstration Projects



***2. WHY are the CAAPs
CRITICAL for the AfCFTA ?***





1.3 BILLION

Africa's food market



2020
• 1,340.6

x 2 ... before
2005

Water resources ,

Half the world's uncultivated fertile land...

Natural resources ,

...

In

2030 Africa

will have the world largest workforce

What is Africa doing with its manpower ?



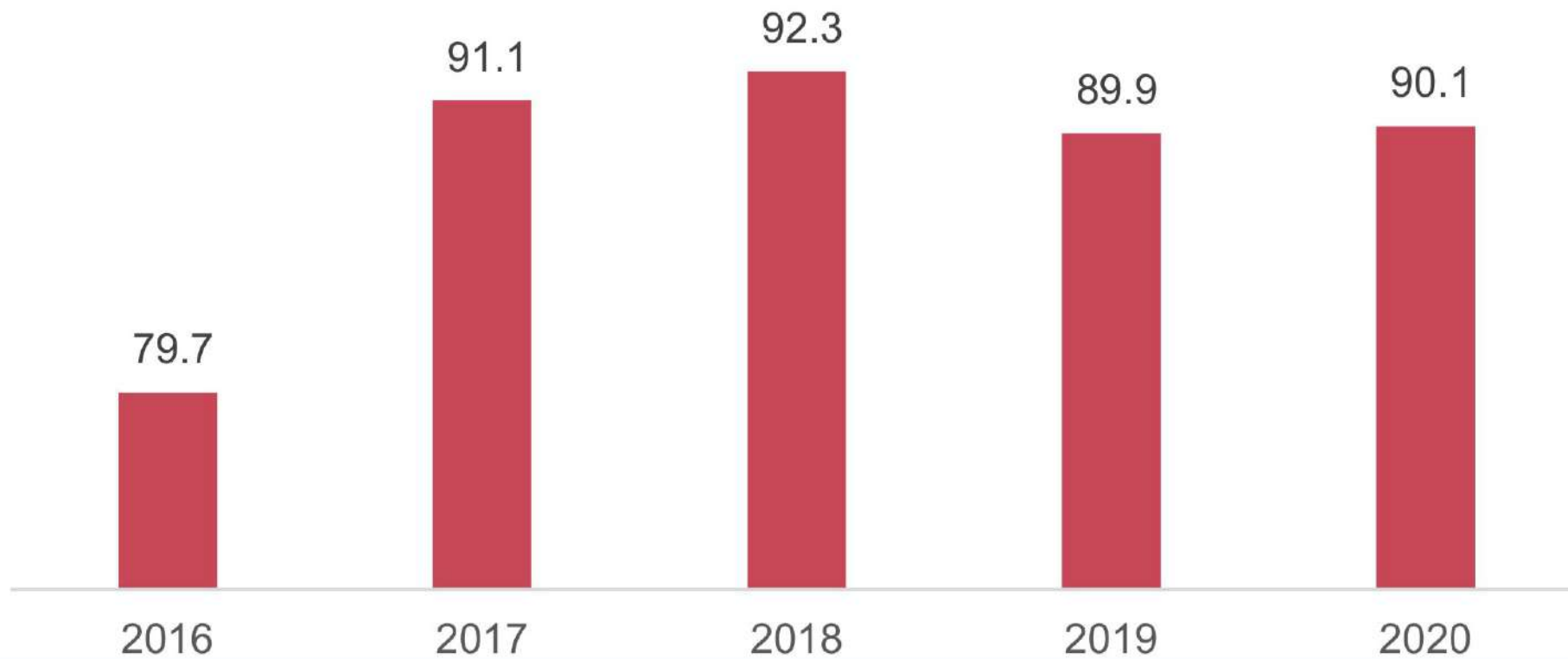
AFRICA IMPORTS





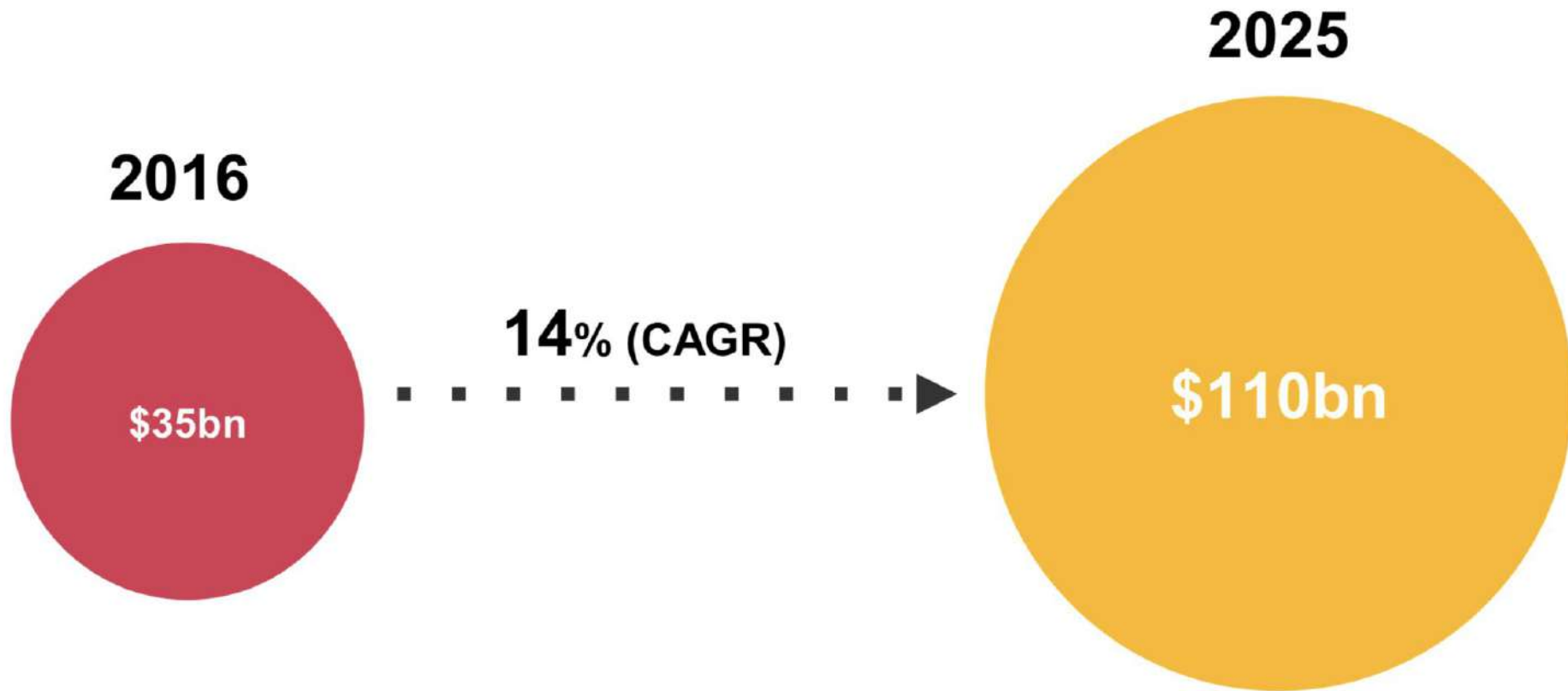
**FOODS
IMPORTED**

Imports of Food & Agricultural Products in Africa (USD'billions)



Source: AFREXIMBANK
through PwC

Africa's Food Import Bill



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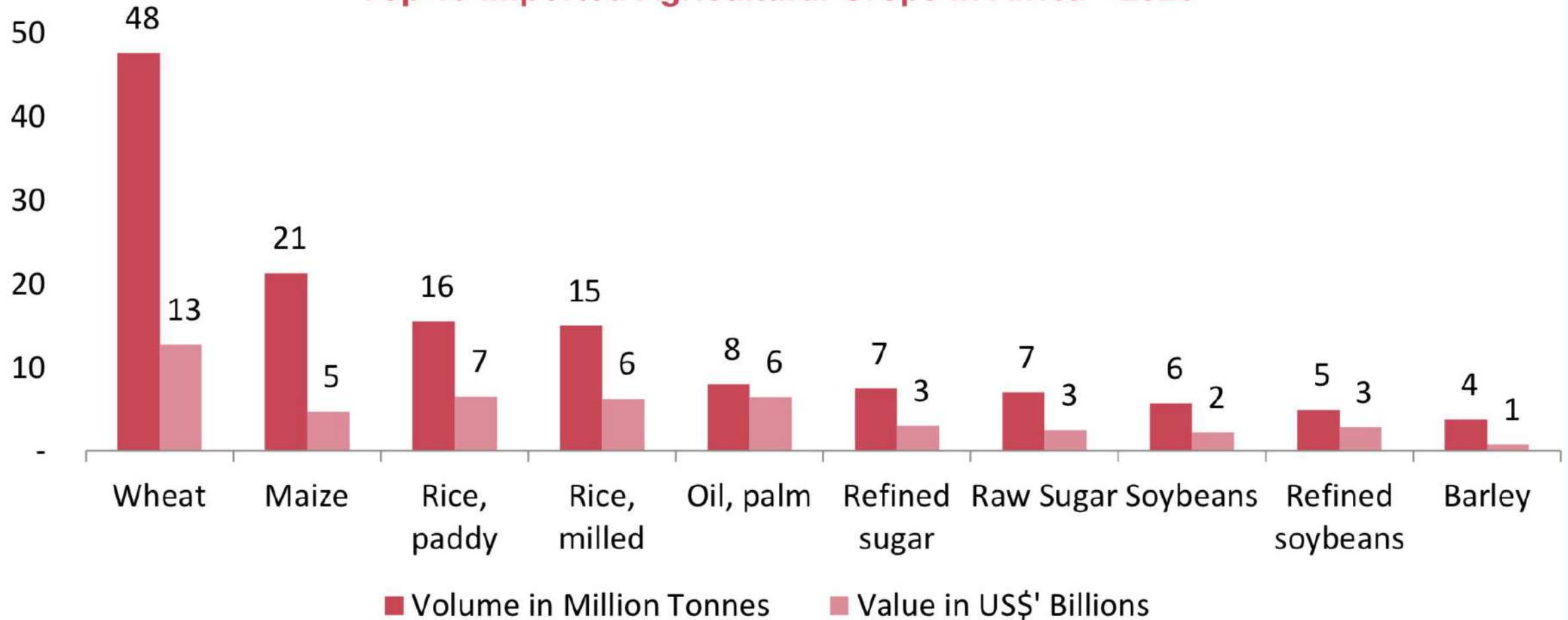
AFRICA

a big rice importer





Top 10 Imported Agricultural Crops in Africa - 2020

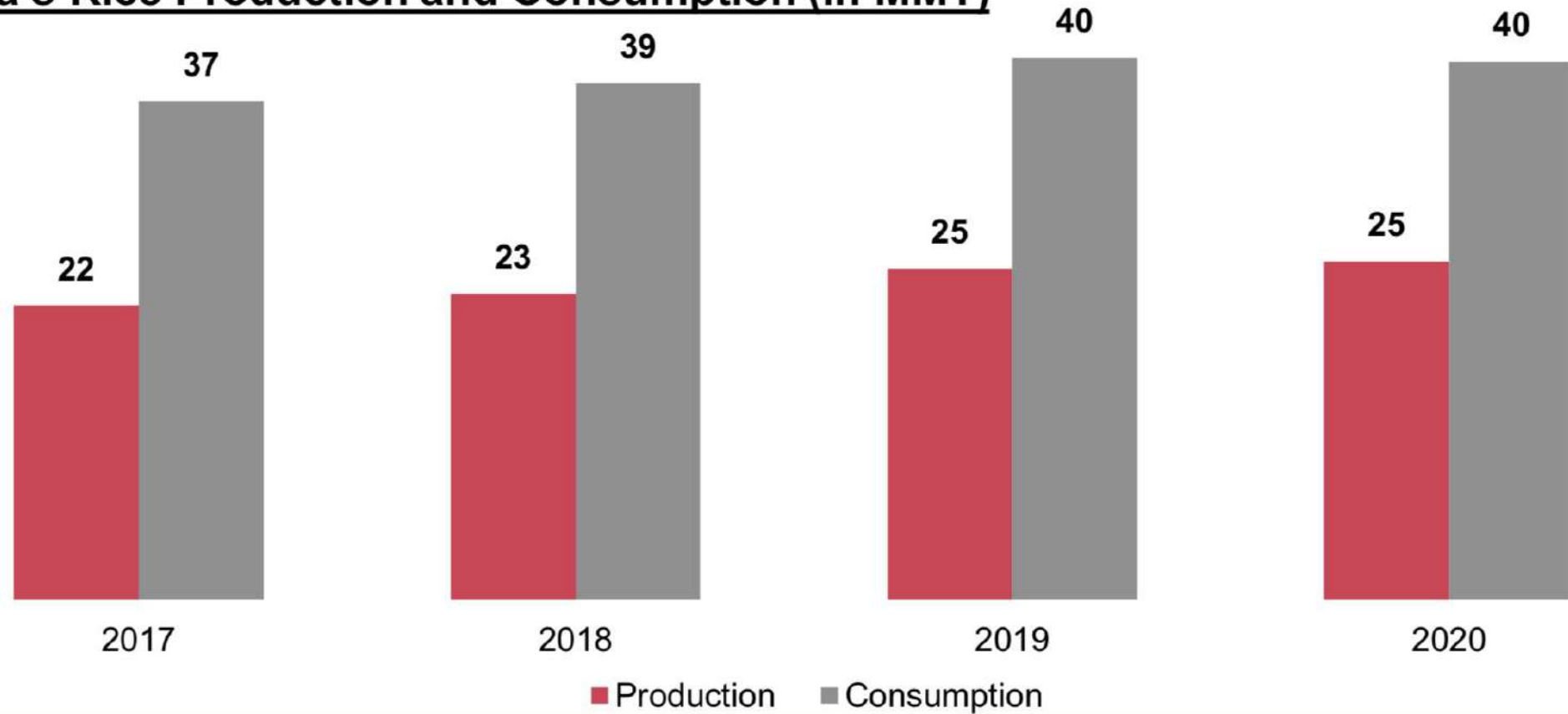


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4 Points to remind... about why Africa is importing so much

Rice – Demand and Supply Gap Analysis in Africa

Africa's Rice Production and Consumption (in MMT)




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Lack of **INNOVATION** on post-harvest management



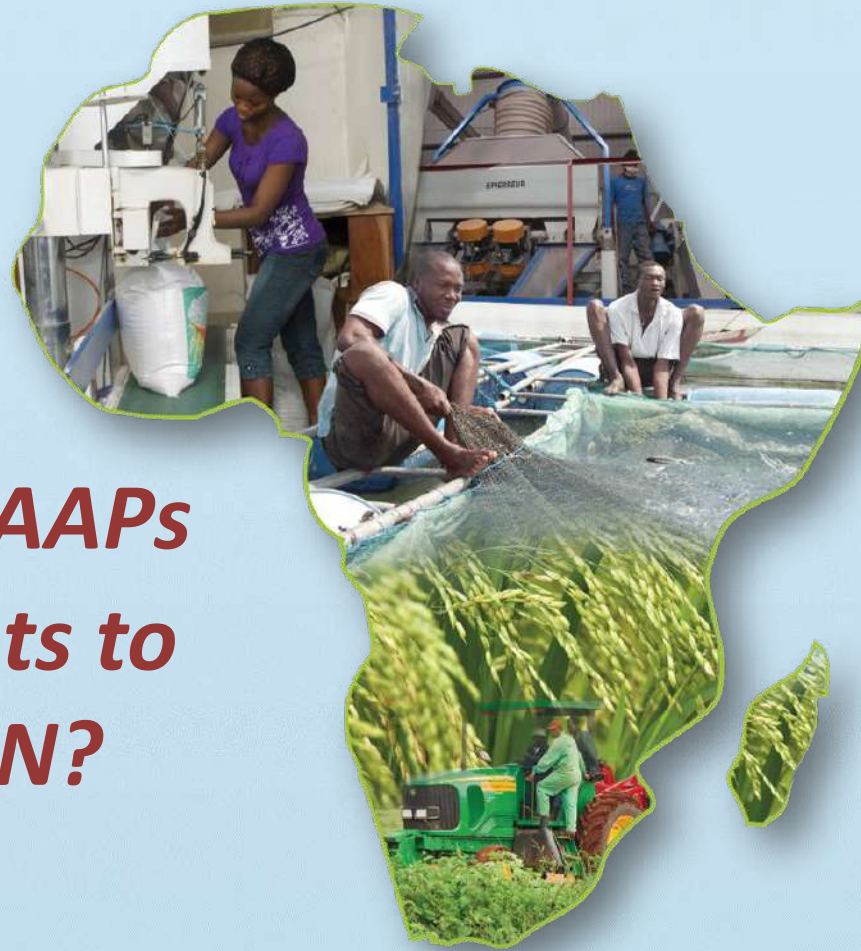
Source: Buhler Group

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Lack of INNOVATION in agro-processing



***3. How can the CAAPs
attract investments to
boost INNOVATION?***



Strategic Objectives of the CAAPs ...



Boost regional trade
by locally processing
key agricultural products
and their value chains



Promoting and facilitating
local and regional
food production



Self-sufficiency
and **low imports**
of key agriculture
commodities in Africa



stimulating local and
regional private sector
investments
in agriculture.

Investments ... follow
Innovation !



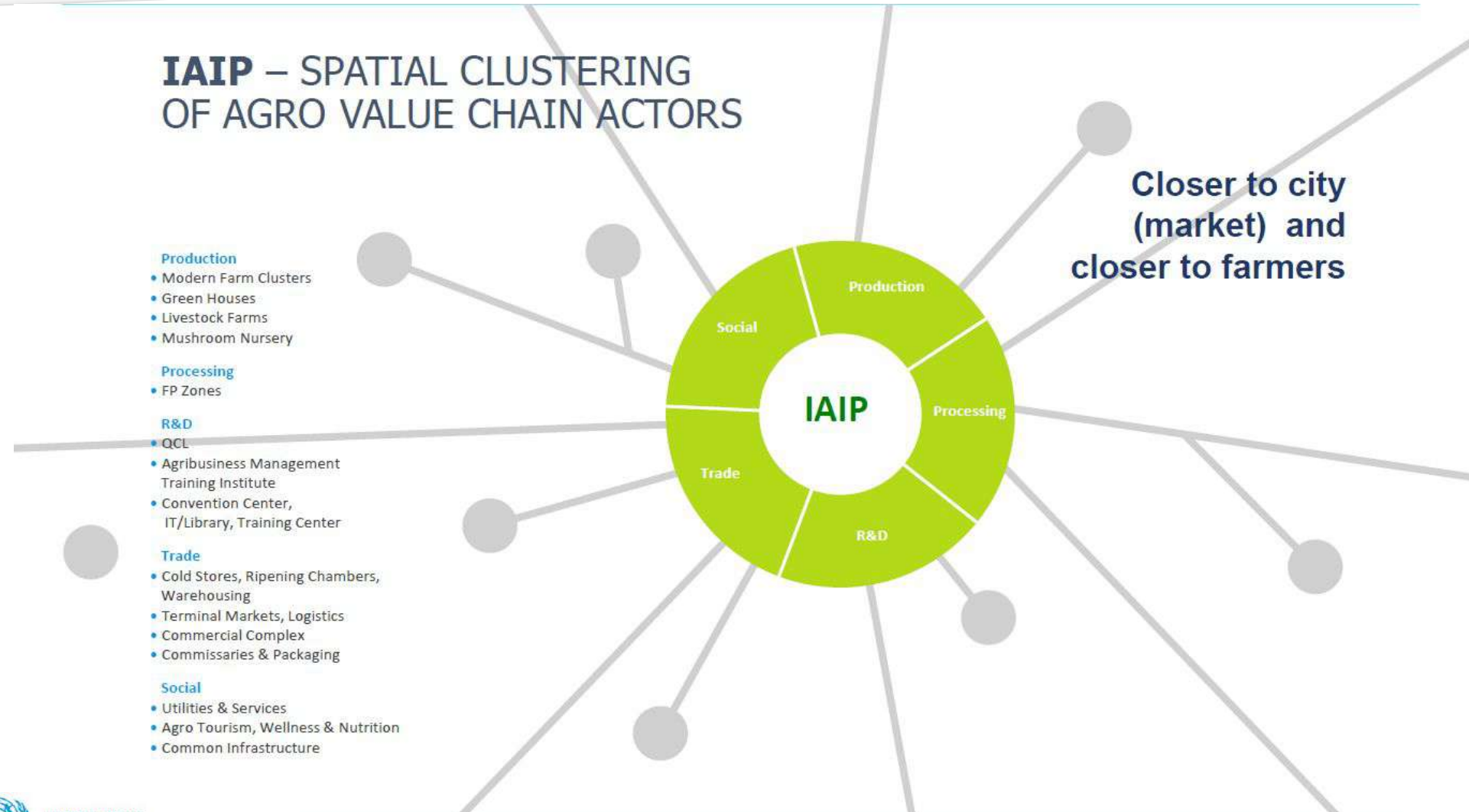






Smallholder Farmers and SMEs are at the Center of the CAAPs Model

IAIP – SPATIAL CLUSTERING OF AGRO VALUE CHAIN ACTORS



UNITED NATIONS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

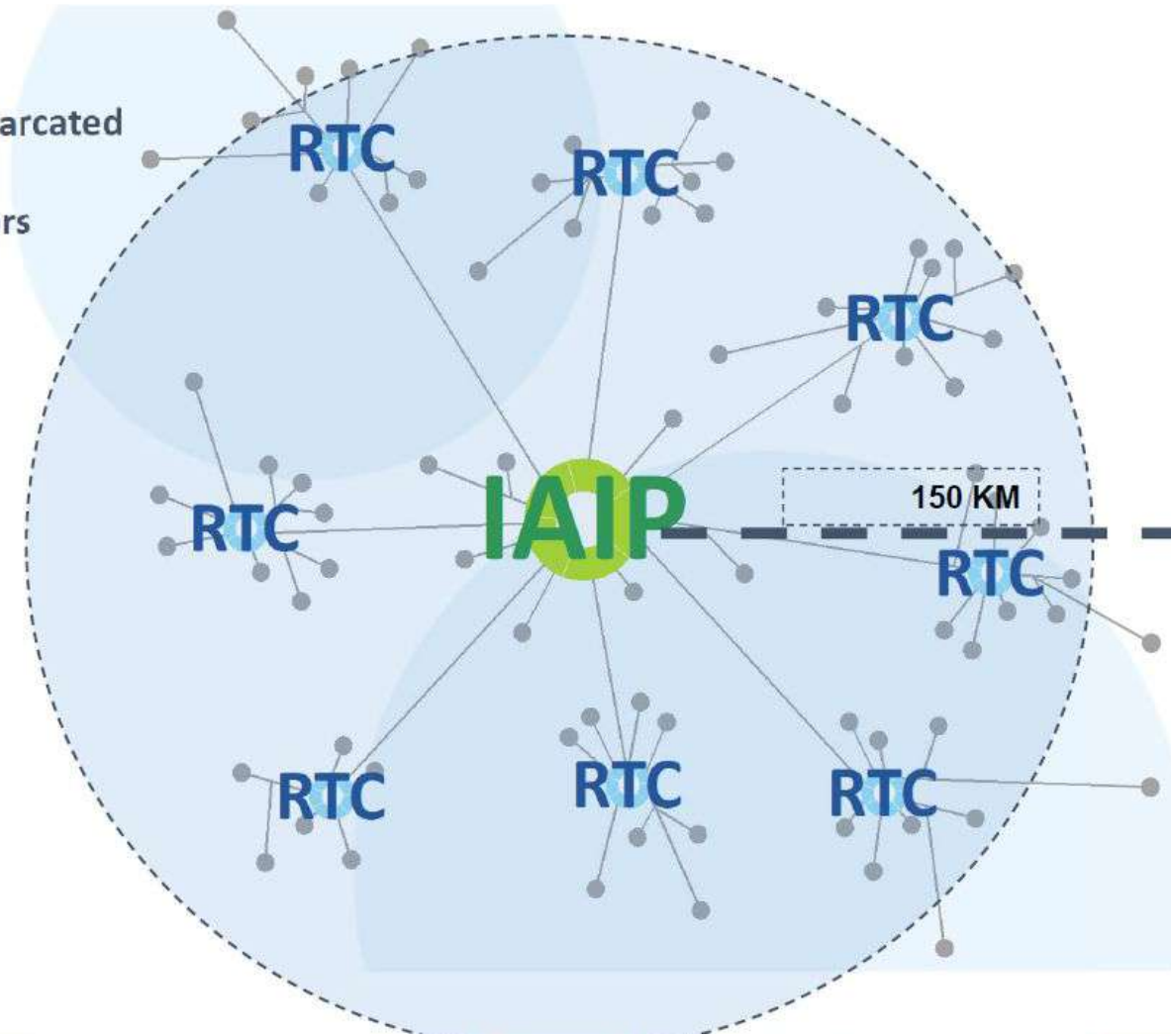
Boosting SMEs and SHFs to support INNOVATION in the CAAPs Value Chain

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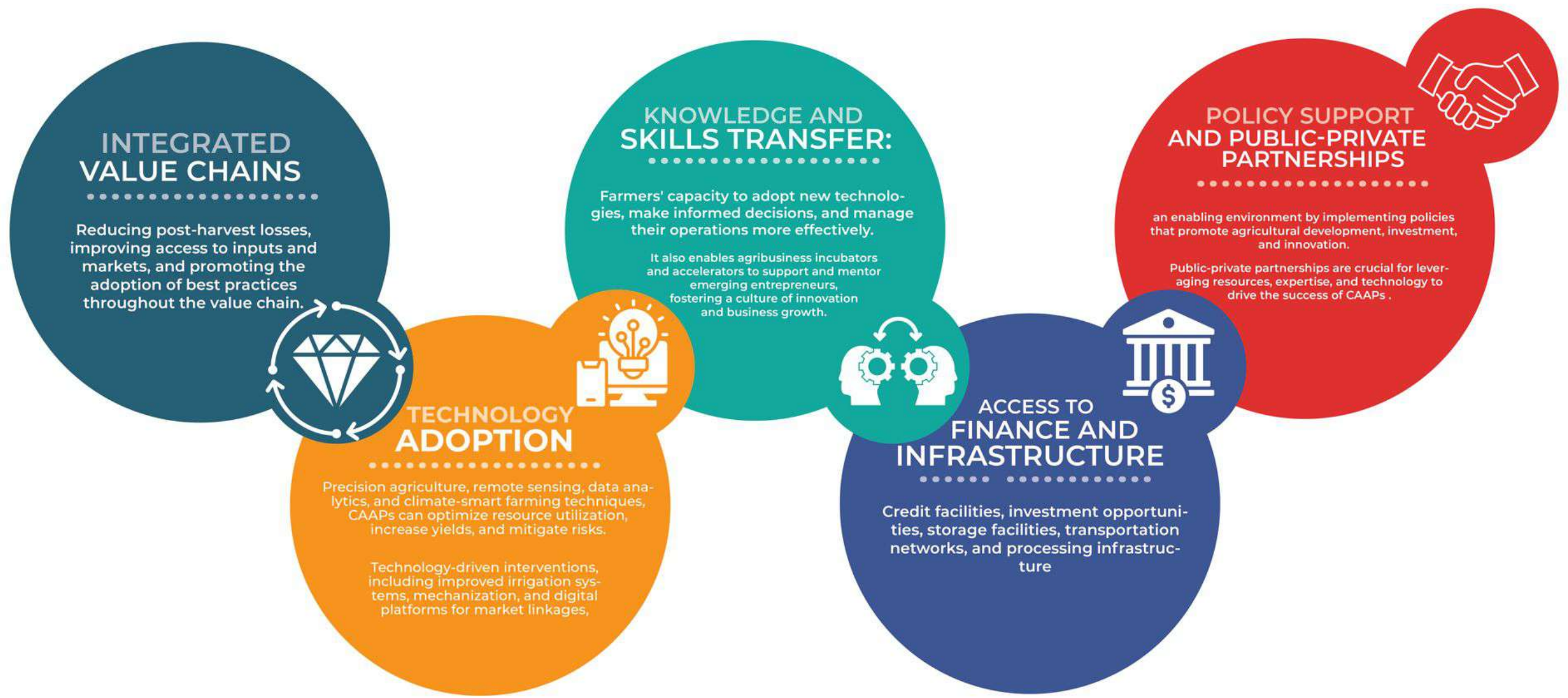
- IAIP connecting rural transformation centers demarcated area of 50-200 KMs radius
- Agribusiness growth corridors
- Rural development
- Modular approach



IAIP = Integrated Agro-Industrial Park
RTC = Rural Transformation Center



To ensure that Smallholder Farmers and SMEs are at the Center of the CAAPs Model



WHAT IS PLANNED to support SMEs in boosting INNOVATION in the CAAPs VC

4. AfCFTA role in the Free Trade Zones of the CAAPs for Scaling Innovations



Major Agro-Park Hubs in all 5 Sub-regions



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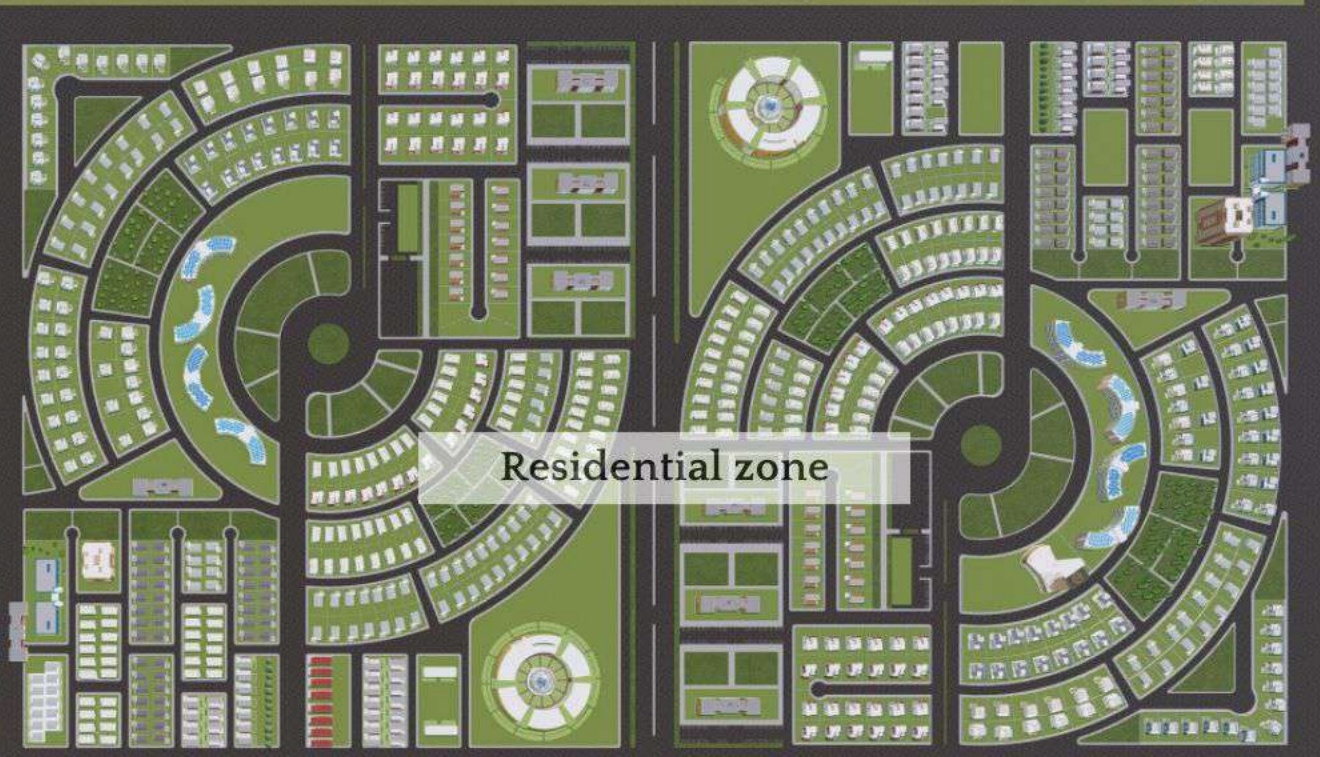
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The Free Trade Zones of the CAAPs

Agriculture production zone



Residential zone



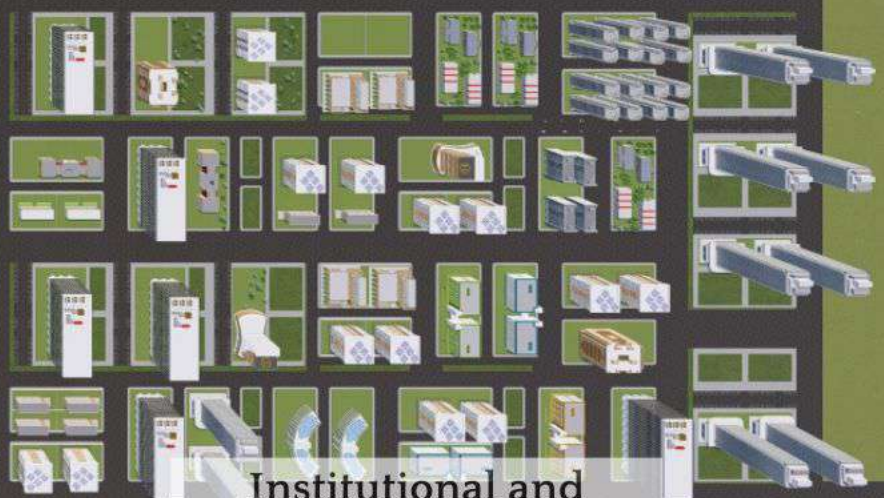
Industrial zone



Buffer zone



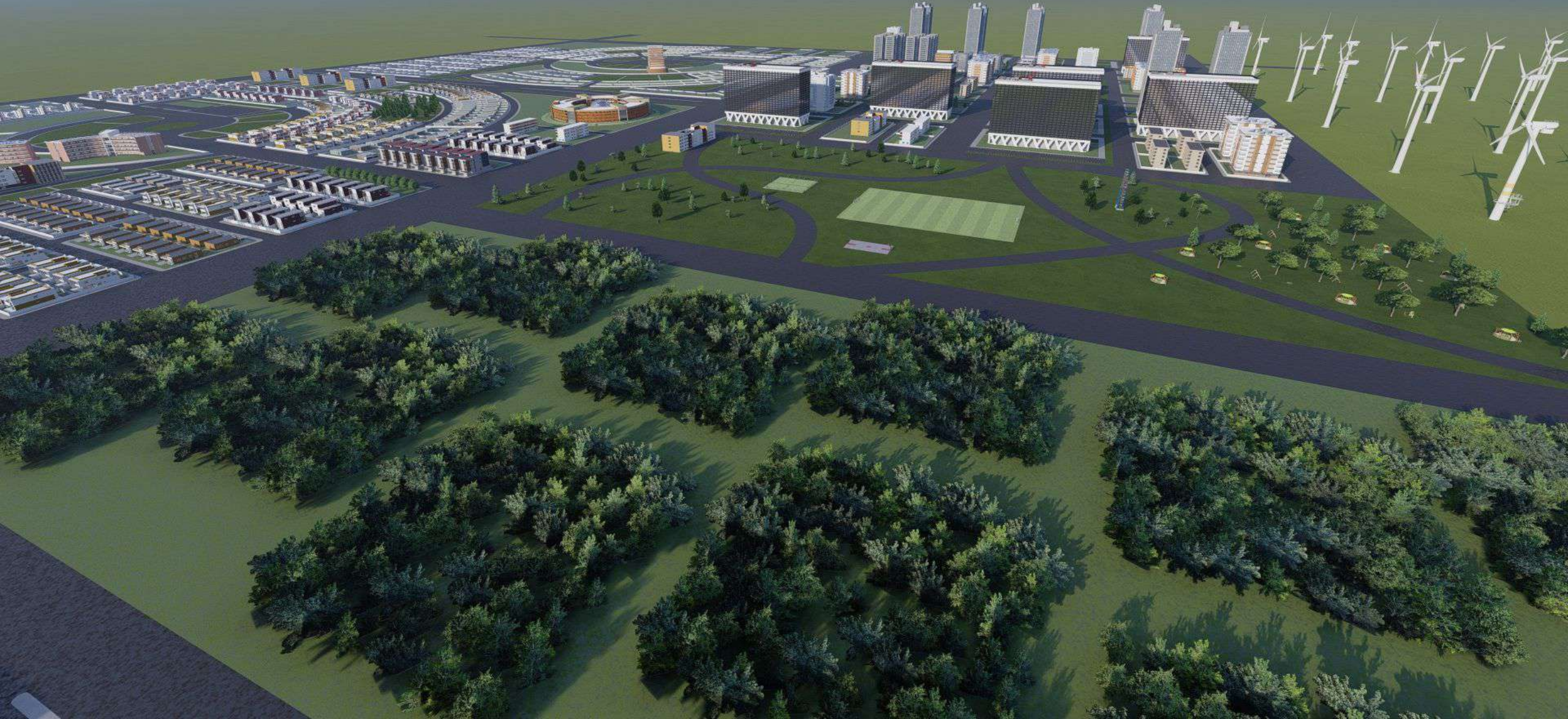
Social amenities zone



Institutional and amenities zone



CAAPs Free Trade Zones, engines for driving the scale-up of agricultural innovations





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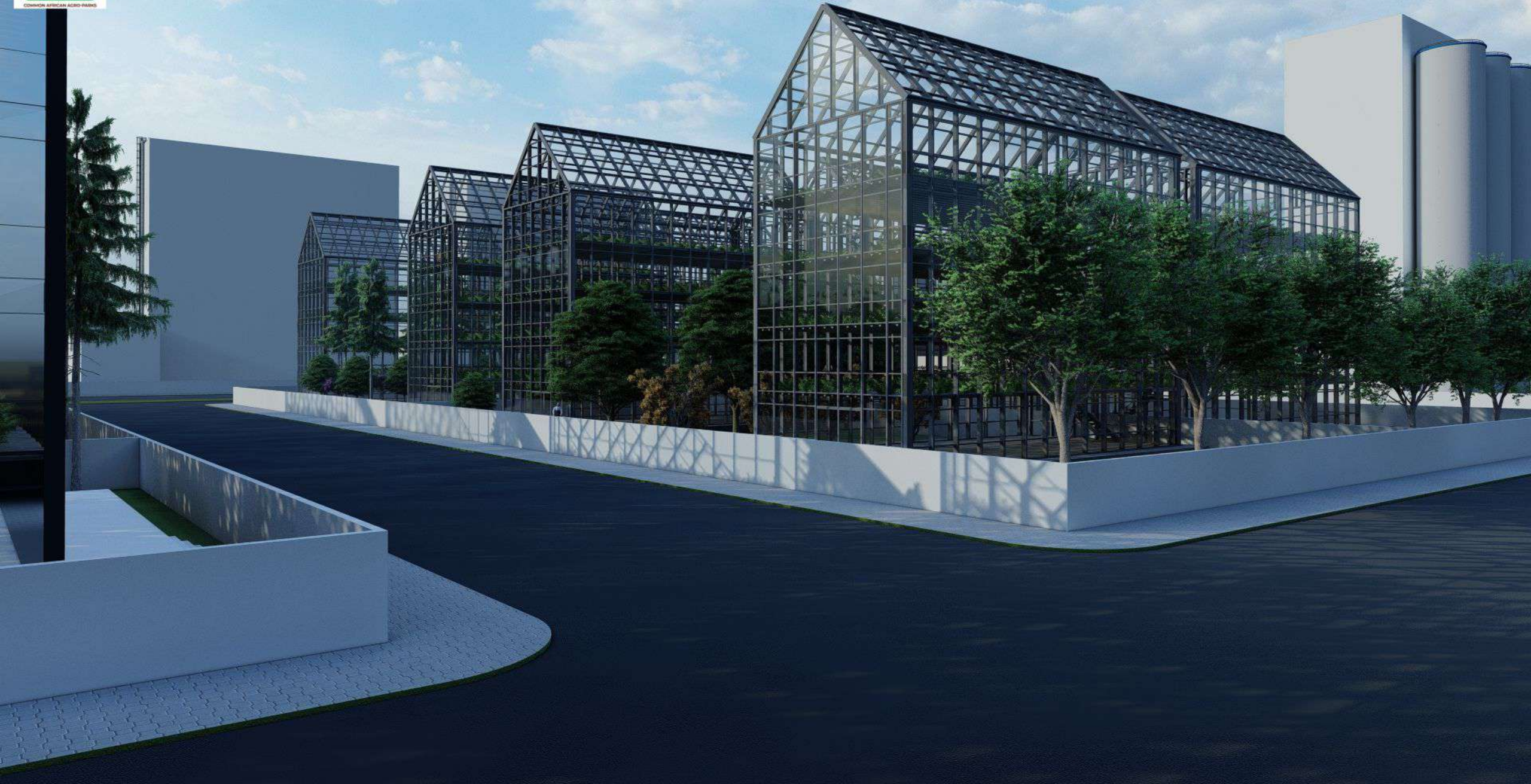


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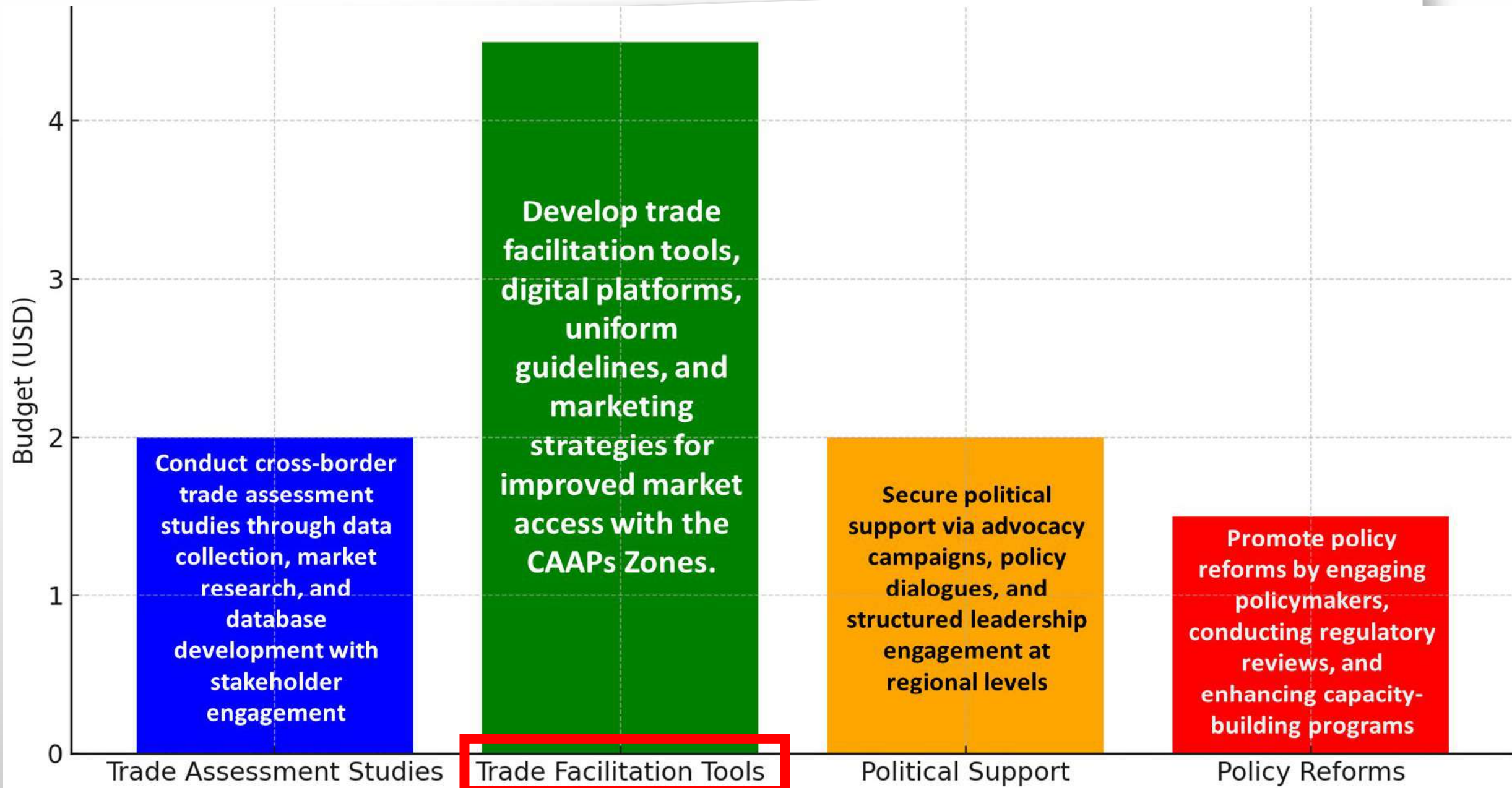




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AfCFTA Interventions for facilitation cross-border trade and investments to boost INNOVATION





Intra-African Food Trade Center



Intra-African Maize Trade Center





FARA
Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa

Forum for
Agricultural
Research in Africa



Headquarters of CAAPs Capital Market



5. Partnership



WORKING TOGETHER



SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM 3

Engagement with MS and development partners at highest levels ...









AFRICAN UNION
UNION AFRICAINE
الاتحاد الأفريقي
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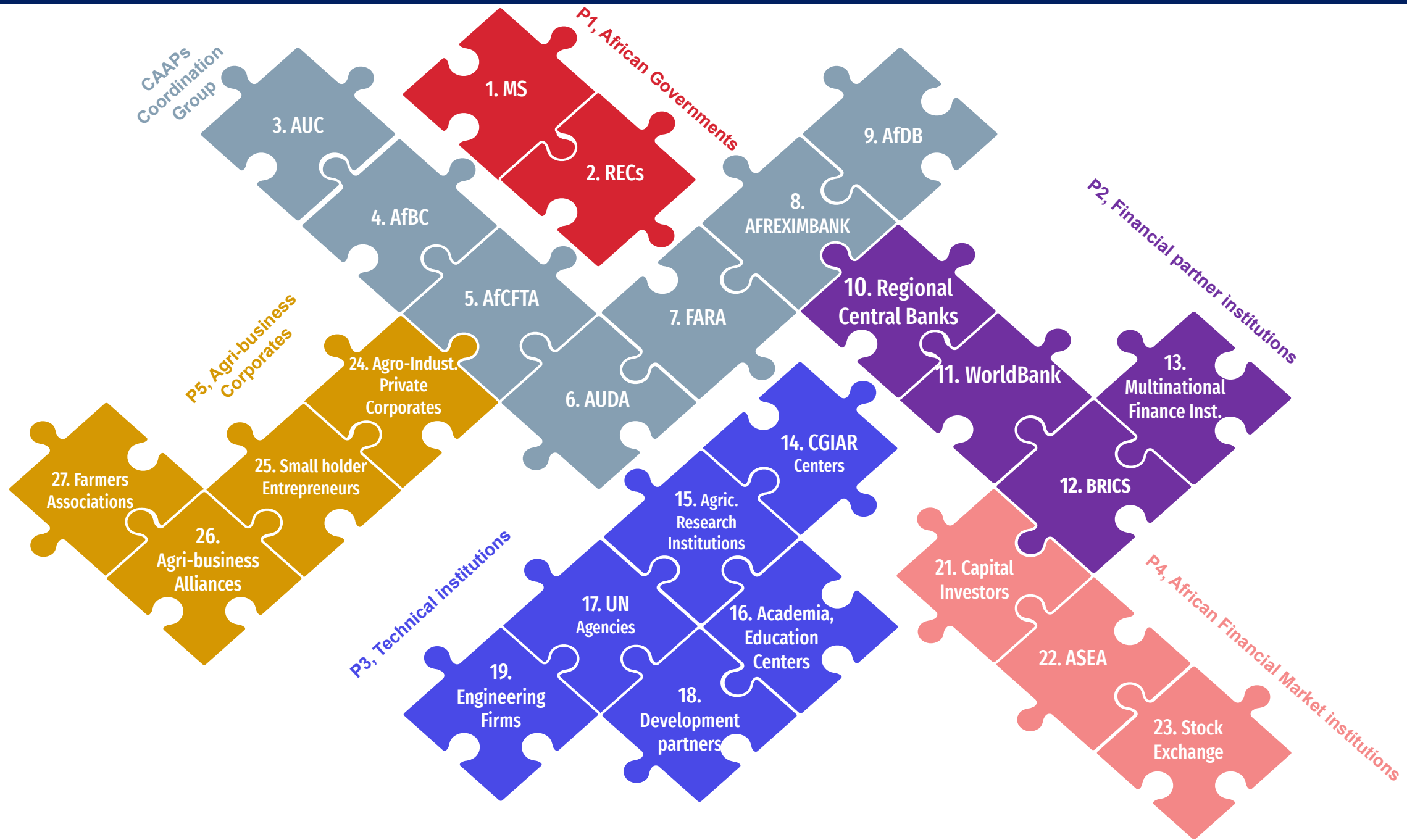


**Science
to attain
Impact
at Scale**

CAAPs to the African Business Platform



Partnership Building for design and implementing : The Map of the CAAPs Stakeholders Groups



I thank you!!



Asante ... Thank you ... Merci ... Obrigado ... Shukran ...