

# The Significance of Preferential Market Access such as AGOA, EBA, and AfCFTA in Fostering Productive Capacities

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## Preferential market access for Ethiopia: Opportunities

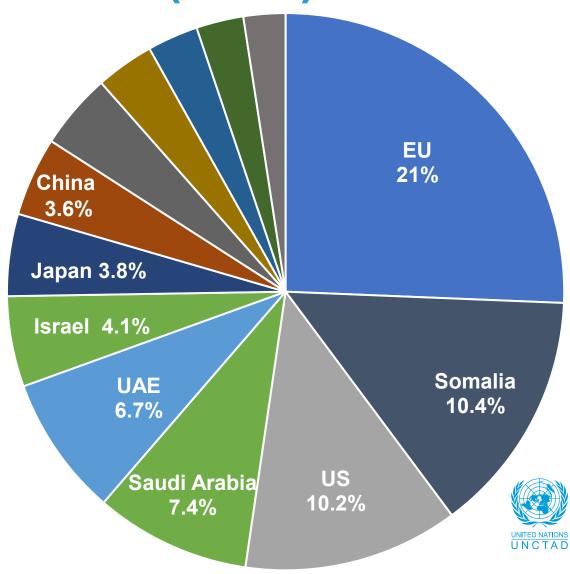
- Trade preferences provide a window of opportunity.
- In the 80' GSP was instrumental to build an export led growth for the Asian tigers
- After their graduation, middle income countries and LDC started to take advantage of trade preferences
- Trade preferences are drivers, attracts investors to locate manufacturing in beneficiaries
- Major beneficiaries of GSP(ex Bangladesh) are on the verge of graduation. Ethiopia may stand to benefit
- AfCFTA offers additional potential if RoO and SEZ regulations are lenient

## Preferential market access for Ethiopia: Challenges

- Trade preferences are not a panacea
- Unilateral trade preferences are subject to conditionalities(ex:AGOA)
- Trade preferences only works on dutiable trade
- Trade preferences are dependent on compliance with rules of origin
- Trade preferences are subject to erosion caused by FTAs
- Investment attracted by trade preferences may not create expected backward linkages

## China 3.6% HS 090111: Coffee, etc. **HS 060311:** Cut 31.4% flowers 6.6% HS 070999: Vegetables, fresh 10.2% **HS 120740:** Oil Seeds 14.3%

## **Ethiopia: Top Export Products & Top Export Markets (2020)**

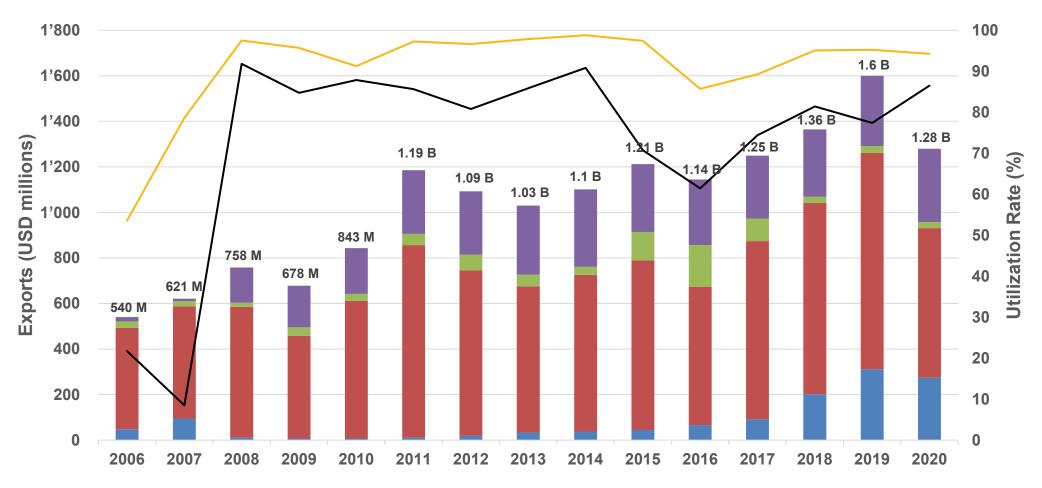


# Ethiopia Trade with QUAD Countries: Utilization rates of trade preferences

Data extracted from https://gsp.unctad.org/



## Ethiopia: Utilization Rates and Total Exports to QUAD Countries









## Ethiopia: Utilization Rates (URs) and Total Exports to QUAD Countries

			Exports (USD thousands)					GSP	AGOA
YEAR	SCHEME	Total	Dutiable	Received	All Prefs.	MFN/RTAs	MFN Duty-Free	UR (%)	UR (%)
2020	GSP AGOA	1,279,543	622,618	322,178 274,038	596,217	26, 401	656,925	86.5	94.2
2019	GSP AGOA	1,599,558	650,332	308,173 311,671	619,846	30,487	949,226	77.4	95.2
2018	GSP AGOA	1,364,370	524,910	295,576 201,964	497,542	27,368	839,460	81.4	95.1
2017	GSP AGOA	1,248,873	465,987	275,875 91,167	367,043	98,944	782,885	74.4	89.2
2016	GSP AGOA	1,144,555	536,740	288,256 66,178	354,434	182,305	607,815	61.4	85.7
2015	GSP AGOA	1,211,717	467,476	297,556 44,531	342,087	125,389	744,241	70.7	97.4
2014	GSP AGOA	1,101,175	413,644	340,243 37,951	378,195	35,449	687,531	90.8	98.8
2013	GSP AGOA	1,030,311	388,356	303,558 33,587	337,140	51,216	641,955	85.9	97.8
2012	GSP AGOA	1,092,565	366,033	278,106 19,657	297,763	68,270	726,531	80.8	96.6

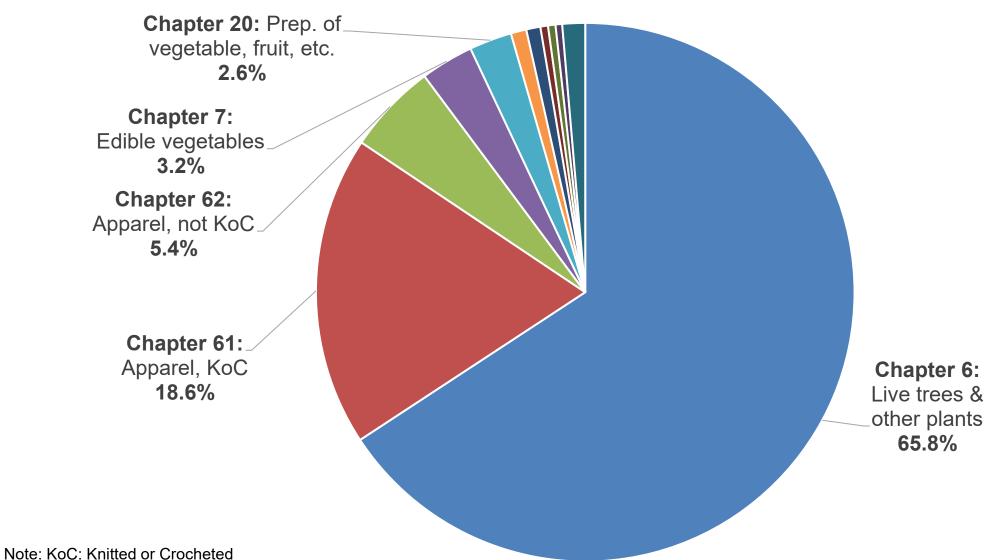


## Ethiopia: Utilization Rates and Total Exports to the EU, the US, and Japan(2020)

_		Exports (USD thousands)						
PGC	Scheme	Total	Dutiable	Received	MFN/RTA	MFN Duty-Free	GSP UR (%)	AGOA UR (%)
EU	EBA	631,457	323,207	309,806	13,401	308,251	95.9	N/A
	GSP	E44 0E7	294,253	8,293	11,921	247,005	18.7	94.2
US	AGOA	541,257		274,039				
JPN	GSP	106,828	5,159	4,079	1,079	101,670	80.5	N/A



## Ethiopia: Top Exports to the EU by HS Chapters (2020)





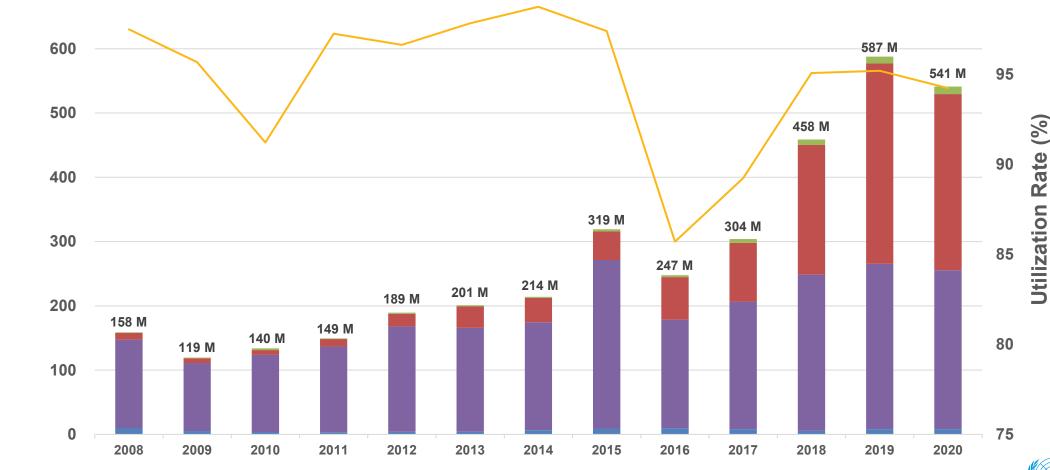


# Ethiopia: Top Exports to the EU by HS Chapters (2020)

GSP Received > 2 million USD, sorted in descending order

		Exports (USD thousands)					
		TOTAL	Dutiable	Received under			EBA UR
Chapter	Product Description			EBA	MFN/ RTAs	MFN Duty Free	(%)
06	Live trees & plants(Roses)	204,830	204,830	203,725	1,105	0	99.46
61	Apparel, knitted or crocheted	58,483	58,483	57,706	778	0	98.67
62	Apparel, not knitted or crocheted	17,357	17,357	16,827	530	0	96.95
07	Edible vegetables	31,156	9,857	9,850	7	21,299	99.93
20	Vegetables, fruits, nuts	8,250	8,250	7,906	344	0	95.83
19	Cereal, flour, etc.	2,921	2,921	2,894	27	0	99.08
15	Animal/vegetable fats	3,090	2,644	2,631	13	446	99.47

#### **Ethiopia: Utilization Rates and Total Exports** to the US (2020) 100 700 600 587 M 541 M 95 500 458 M 400 319 M 304 M



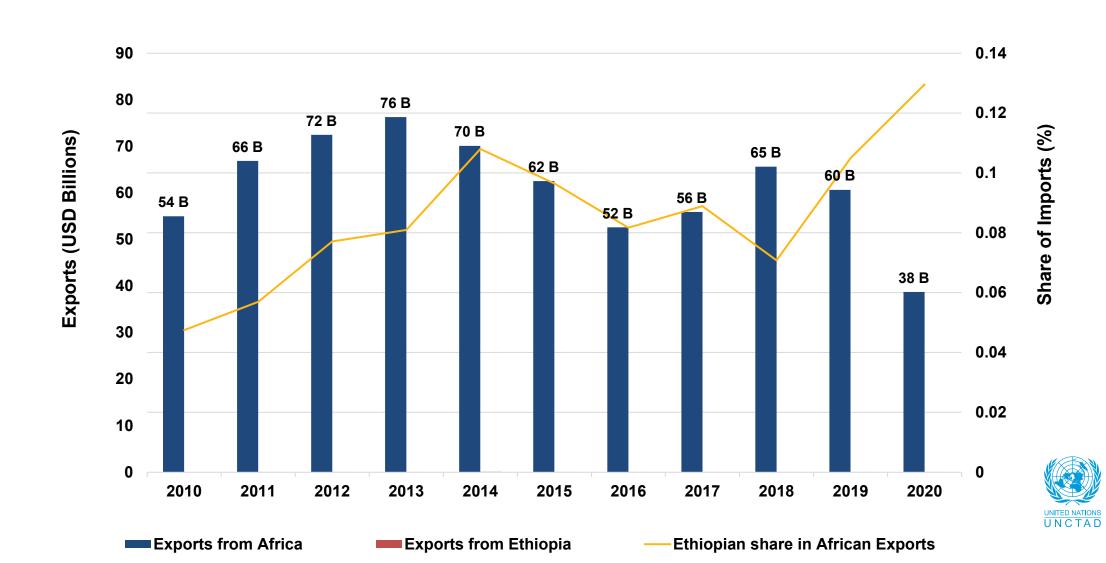
GSP Received MFN Duty-free AGOA MFN/RTAS —AGOA Utilization Rate

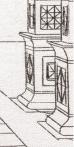


# Ethiopian Intra-Africa Trade: Opportunities under AfCTA Data extracted from UNCTAD AfCFTA website (To be released March 2022)



#### **Ethiopia: Exports to AfCFTA Member States**

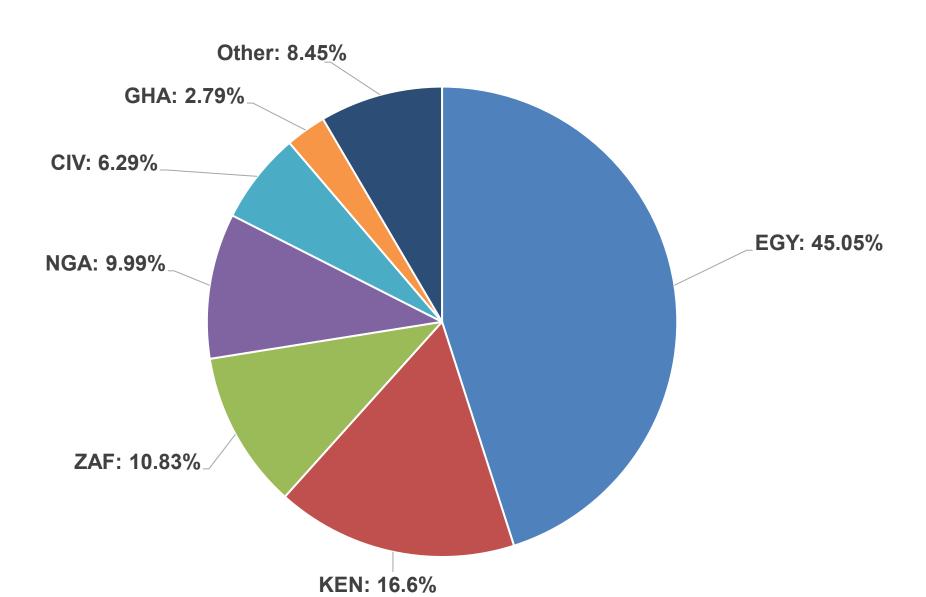




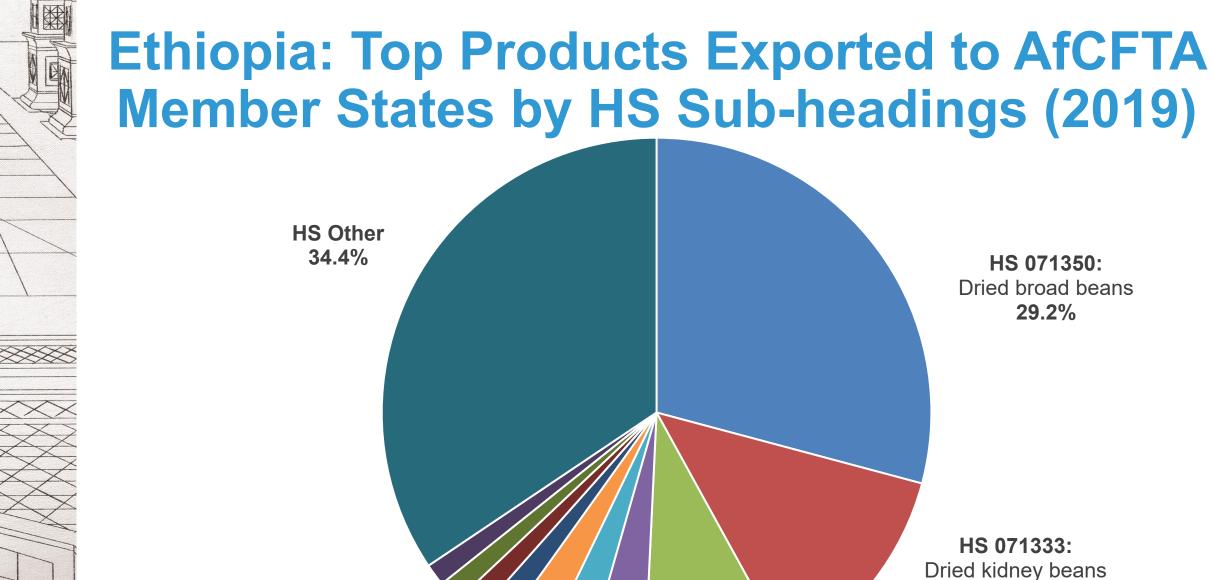
## **Ethiopia: Exports to AfCFTA Member States**

Year	Exports (	Ethiopia's Share (%)		
	Ethiopia	Africa		
2020	50,181	38,715,245	0.130	
2019	63,669	60,655,888	0.105	
2018	46,449	65,639,406	0.071	
2017	49,719	55,907,921	0.089	
2016	42,977	52,593,254	0.082	
2015	60,307	62,521,507	0.096	
2014	75,704	70,100,584	0.108	
2013	61,766	76,291,825	0.081	
2012	55,872	72,457,128	0.077	
2011	38,064	66,851,234	0.057	
2010	26,104	54,963,810	0.047	

## Ethiopia: Main AfCFTA Markets (2020)







HS 120740:

Sesamum seeds

3.7%

HS 090111

Coffee, not roasted

8.8%

HS 071350: Dried broad beans

12.8%





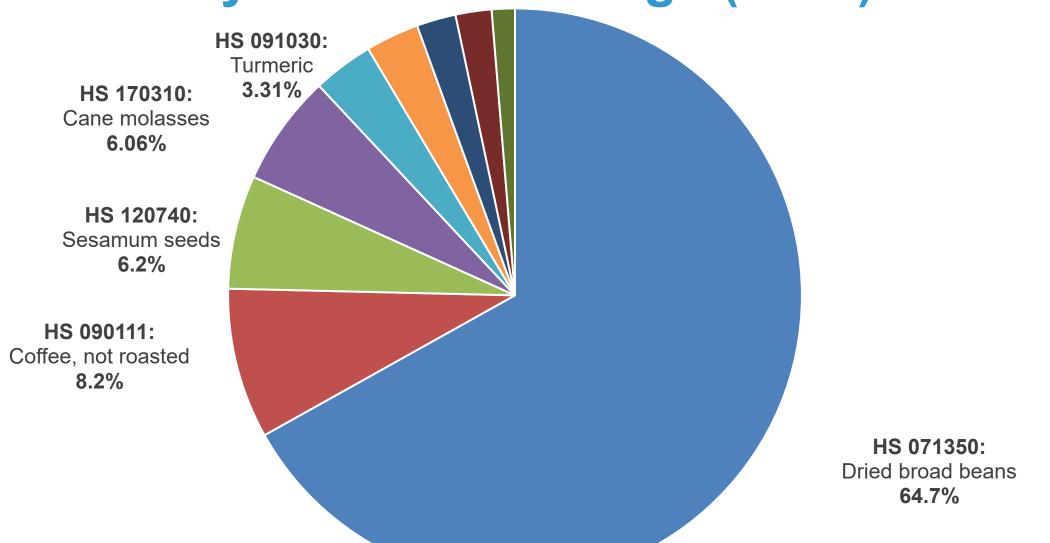
## Ethiopia: Top Products Exported to AfCFTA Member States by HS Sub-heading (2019)

Sorted in descending order of Ethiopian Exports

Tariff Line	Product Description	Expo (USD tho	Ethiopia's Share (%)	
		Ethiopia	Africa	
HS 071350	Dried broad beans	18,564	23,658	78.5
HS 071333	Dried kidney beans	8,173	31,074	26.3
HS 090111	Coffee, not roasted	5,577	86,845	6.4
HS 120740	Sesamum seeds	2,334	116,033	2.0
HS 071331	Dried beans	1,742	12,851	13.6
HS 170310	Cane molasses	1,738	18,687	9.3
HS 091030	Turmeric	1,067	1,565	68.2
HS 392690	Plastic articles	896	82,466	1.1
HS 120999	Other seeds	838	9,267	9.0
HS 851718	Other, telephone sets	831	3,637	22.8
TOTAL		41,760	386,083	



## Ethiopia: Top Products Exported to Egypt by HS Sub-headings (2019)



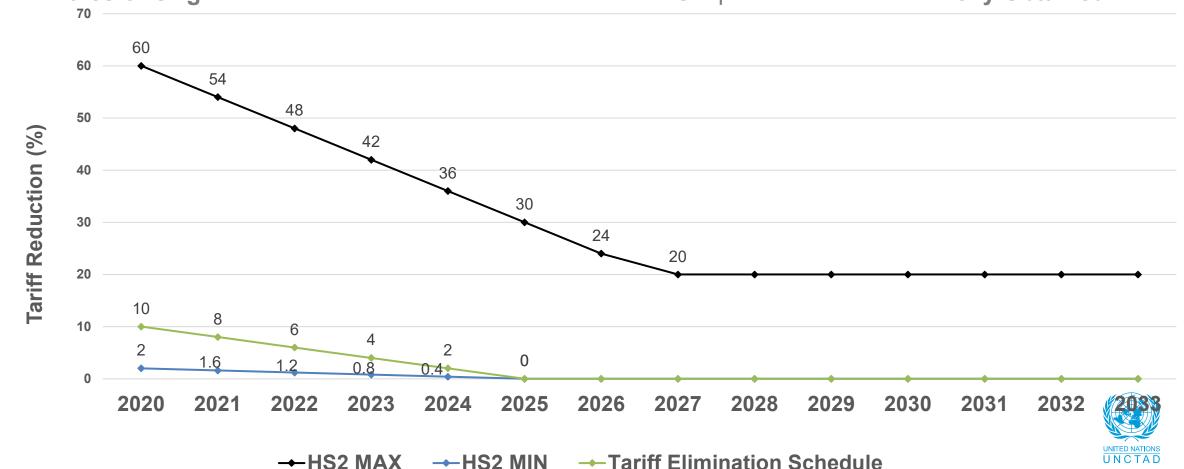




## Egypt:AFCTA Tariff Elimination Schedule for HS 170310

Tariff Line 170310: Cane molasses, etc.

Rules of Origin: Manufacture in which all materials in this Chapter used must be Wholly Obtained





- Ethiopia has shown steady increase of URs and volume of trade of QUAD trade preferences
- It shows potential and the graduation of LDC garment producers(ex. Bangladesh) may create substantial opportunities
- Yet, trade preferences are only one of the factor in determining relocation of industries(See next presentation on logistics)
- The loss of AGOA preferences may have a significant impact
- ACFTA may provide opportunities but two critical issues for Ethopia:
- Rules of of origin for textiles and garments!
- Treatment of products originating in Special Economic Zones!



