



Fostering Industrialization through Regional Value Chains and Reconciling Rules of Origin Regimes

Overview

It is clear that the pursuit of industrialization in Africa is riddled with many challenges. Requisite infrastructure and regulatory framework dominate the main constraints to successful industrialization programs most countries. One feasible solution that leverages on existing integration frameworks is nurturing regional value chains (RVCs). RVCs mitigate a number of the constraints that arise due to scale and required investment costs to successfully grow the manufacturing sector. RVCs foster the creation of value added competitive products through a shared arrangement in which each member state anchors on a specific point in a value chain for a product/sector riding on their revealed comparative advantage. This allows member states to leapfrog the process with respect to manufacturing with a shared investment costs and capacity constraints at regional level. However, for RVCs to effectively work, preferential rules of origin must be designed to support the RVCs in terms of predictability and ease of application. This course provides participants with clear illustrative ways in which industrialization can be achieved leveraging on success stories in which RVCs have been the vehicle to industrialization. The training is designed for policymakers, trade and customs advisers, trade negotiators, trade practitioners and the private sector.

Expected training outcomes

- Demonstration on how RVCs can foster industrialization
- Illustration drawing on lessons from successful practices that have worked elsewhere
- A deep understanding on how value chains work within a regional setup
- A deep understanding of the conceptual complexities of rules of origin,
- An advanced knowledge of how rules of origin can foster RVCs,
- A highly developed global mindset with a grasp of RVCs and rules of origin,
- An enhanced understanding of the strategies to adopt to foster RVCs to support industrialization.

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Venue: Mombasa, Kenya

How to enroll

Interested individuals and institutions should submit their applications or make inquiries on the following:

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