

**REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HARMONIZATION
AND COOPERATION FOR GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE
INVESTMENT**

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE: RWANDA

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AFCFTA SUPPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Investment policy harmonization

Promote, Facilitate, Protect Intra-African Investments

Attract regional and international sustainable investments; Econ, Social, Environmental Pillars

Newer Generation Model; PAIC, SADC, Literature

- Standards of protection (NT/MFN, Expro. AJT, Repatriation)
- Investor Obligations
- Dispute Prevention & Resolution Mechanisms

AT THE FORE: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Enshrined in preamble and specific Chapter

Art. 8; Sustainable Development Incentives

- Fiscal & financial incentives, low carbon investments, tech transfer and capacity building, investment guarantees, subsidization
- Promote and facilitate investments mitigating green house gases, regional climate mitigations and adaptation measures, low carbon SEZ, green transition technologies,

Chap 4; Art. 24-30

- "...each State Party has the right to regulate, including to take measures to ensure that investment in its territory is consistent with the goals and principles of sustainable development, and with other national environmental, health, climate action, social and economic policy objectives and essential security interests."
- Enshrines minimum standards; environment, labor, consumer, aligns to UNFCCC,
- No rise to treaty claim;

Impact on State Parties;

- Signals to investors investments being sought
- Ensures alignment with regional and multilateral efforts (UNFCCC, COP, NDCs)
- Levels the playing field
- Crowds in green investment, technologies, goods and services,
- Ensures participation in green and just transition to net zero carbon future
- Maintains SPs policy space to regulate

RECENT INITIATIVES

Legacy Policy Orientation

- Ban of non-degradable polythene bags
- Reclamation of Wetlands, Forests

Investment Incentives;

- Incentives for sustainable development projects; Agriculture, Infrastructure, Clean Energy, etc...
- E-Tractors, Organic Fertilizers, Sustainable building materials & Energy Efficient Buildings, Renewable Energy Generation, Biomass transition (CNG, LPG, Ethanol) biodegradable packaging, recycling and waste to energy solutions
- E-mobility (Buses, Ride Sharing, Electric Motorcycles, EVs)
- Leverage Transition mineral processing (EU Critical Raw Materials Agreement)

Legal and Regulatory Guidelines;

- Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy
- Policy framework for carbon Market
- Car Free Zones & Car Free Day; Reduce emissions
- Transition to cleaner fuel emissions standards

AfCFTA Investment Protocol Gap Analysis;

- Review and alignment to Domestic Law; Investment Code/Environment Law
- Designating Mechanism; National Focal Points, transparency Issues
- Facilitation; Dispute Prevention mechanism on green issues;
- Sustainability policies

Services Trade Contribution to Green Transition;

- DPO reforms (Data Storage, Professional services Limitations)
- Digital One Stop Centre

Nexus of Trade, Investment and Climate Change; ACT & Capacity Building

- Integration into Policies (Trade Policy)
- Trade Integration; Carbon Emissions Tracking, Harmonization, Certification, Labelling
- Global Commitments; NDC Updates, 2025
- National Capacity Building



IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH

1. Institutional Arrangement;
Minicom/Minijust/RDB/KIFC/MOE/REMA
2. Regulatory Reforms; Implementing Obligations,
NFPs, notification & transparency publication,
3. National Implementation Committees;
Investment/TiS Working Groups
4. Gap Assessments & Financing Agreements:

OVERCOMING IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

1. AfCFTA Investment Protocol Implementation; Outstanding Negotiations & Implementation
2. Adaptation to new International Environmental Measures (Energy Treaty, UNCITRAL, IFD, EUDR/CBAM)
3. Financing the Green Transition

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