

## Method to help countries define their trade liberalization strategies

**Project Title:** P696 - 3.1.2 Improved Trade and Macroeconomic Policies to Strengthen Value Chains

**Description of the innovation:** Implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement leads to challenges for African countries. Although most products have to be included in the trade liberalization scheme, each country may select "sensitive products" which will be exempt from this scheme. To help countries make this strategic decision, PIM has developed a method now used by various organizations including the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa to provide assistance to individual countries in the trade liberalization process.

**New Innovation:** No

**Stage of innovation:** Stage 3: available/ ready for uptake (AV)

**Innovation type:** Social Science

**Geographic Scope:** Global

**Number of individual improved lines/varieties:** <Not Applicable>

**Description of Stage reached:** Although the method is used by the UNECA as well as researchers, development organizations, and governments, there is not enough evidence of this to warrant the submission of an outcome case. Therefore the stage of this innovation is noted as 3 instead of 4.

**Name of lead organization/entity to take innovation to this stage:** UNECA - United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**Names of top five contributing organizations/entities to this stage:**

- IFPRI - International Food Policy Research Institute
- AU - African Union
- UNECA - United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**Milestones:** No milestones associated

**Sub-IDs:**

**Contributing Centers/PPA partners:**

**Evidence link:**

- <https://tinyurl.com/y6t99t6h>

**Deliverables associated:** <Not Defined>

**Contributing CRPs/Platforms:**

- PIM - Policies, Institutions, and Markets