Overview presentation – LLDCs
Trade Performance

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% share of Merchandise exports

LLDCs Trade Performance (2010 -2017)
Share of primary commodities and manufactured goods in exports (percentage)
African LLDCs Trade Performance (2017)

- **Merchandise exports**
  - Average share = 0.0014
  - Total share = 0.212

- **Merchandise imports**
  - Average share = 0.023
  - Total share = 0.343

- Trade deficit = USD 24.2 billion
What are the Challenges?

- Low productive capacities
- High trade cost
- Import restrictions
- Non-tariff barriers
- Tariff escalations and tariff peak
- SMMEs lack the capacity to participate in international trade
- Uncoordinated planning
Trade Facilitation Indicators

TFI
Trade Facilitation indicators

- Areas where there is good progress:
  - Fees and charges
  - Involvement of traders
  - Appeals procedures

- Areas where there is limited progress
  - Advance rulings
  - Internal and external boarder cooperation
  - Automation
  - Information Availability
Suggested recommendations

- **International trade**
  - Addressing trade capacities challenges of the LLDCs (human, institutional and infrastructure) – Enhanced Aid to trade to LLDCs
  - Intensify industrialization in the LLDCs through linkages with regional value and global value chains
  - Address tariff peaks and escalations as well as non-tariff barriers imposed on manufactured goods
  - Enhance intra-regional trade
  - Special economic zones – targeted industries
  - Address trade financing challenges faced by the SMMEs
  - Multilateral and regional solutions
Suggested recommendations

Trade Facilitation

• The LLDCs need to develop clear trade facilitation implementation plans and should priorities measures that can have greater impact in reducing high trade cost.

• Support to the LLDCs should be enhanced

• There are good initiatives in place at national, sub-regional and regional level – implementation need to be enhanced

• Full implementation of TFA-including best endeavor measures proven to have greater impact.

• Transit corridors
Thank You

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