

The Cross-Border Road Transport Agency and its Mandate

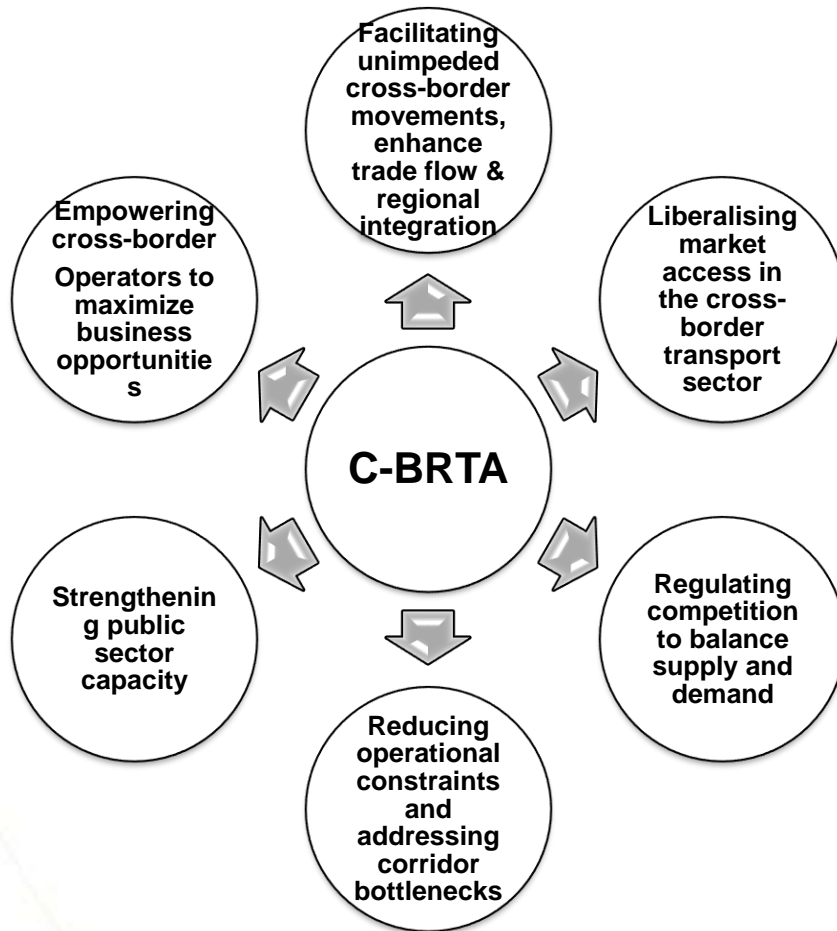


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C-BRTA MANDATE /FUNCTIONS & REGIONAL CONTEXT

C-BRTA Mandate



We are an Agency of the Department of Transport established in terms of the Cross-Border Road Transport Act (Act No. 4 of 1998) as amended.

We exist to facilitate efficient and seamless cross-border road transport movements with a view to enhance intra-regional trade, regional integration and socio-economic development.

Vision: To be the leading economic cross border road transport regulator.

Mission: To drive an integrated African continent through excellence in cross border road transport economic regulation, law enforcement, advisory and facilitation of unimpeded flow of goods and people.

Functions of the C-BRTA

The C-BRTA discharges its legislative mandate through the execution of the following main functions:

- a) Regulation
- b) Law enforcement
- c) Facilitation
- d) Advisory

Implementation of the above functions is in line with domestic transport strategies, legislations, regulations, standards and international road transport agreements such as MoUs, multilateral and bilateral road transport agreements.

Implementation of the above is in a coordinated and collaborative way with domestic and regional stakeholders.

Roles of C-BRTA in the SADC region

Southern African Development Community objectives:

- a) To enhance intra-regional trade, regional integration and socio-economic development;
- b) To facilitate efficient and seamless cross-border road transport movements between countries;
- c) To reduce operational constraints that negatively affect the movement of goods and passengers;
- d) To introduce an efficient, cost-effective and fully integrated transport infrastructure and operations; and
- e) To implement appropriate interventions for purposes of effective regulation of cross-border road transport and facilitation of trade by road.



RSA PERMIT STATS & TRADE VOLUMES



C-BRTA PERMIT STATS 2022/23

Country	Goods Permits	Taxi Passenger Permits	Bus Passenger Permits	Tour Operator Permits
Angola	661			Regional 2145
Botswana	6 715	284	36	
Burundi	1			
Democratic Republic Of Congo	8 273	1	2	
Eswatini	4 522	574	20	
Kenya	61			
Lesotho	2 548	634	34	
Malawi	2 117	134	201	
Mozambique	12 559	9 249	85	
Namibia	3 713	102	16	
Rwanda	18			
South Sudan	3			
Tanzania	812	4		
Uganda	27			
Zambia	8 185	39	66	
Zimbabwe	10 678	8 862	639	
TOTALS	60 893	19 883	1 099	

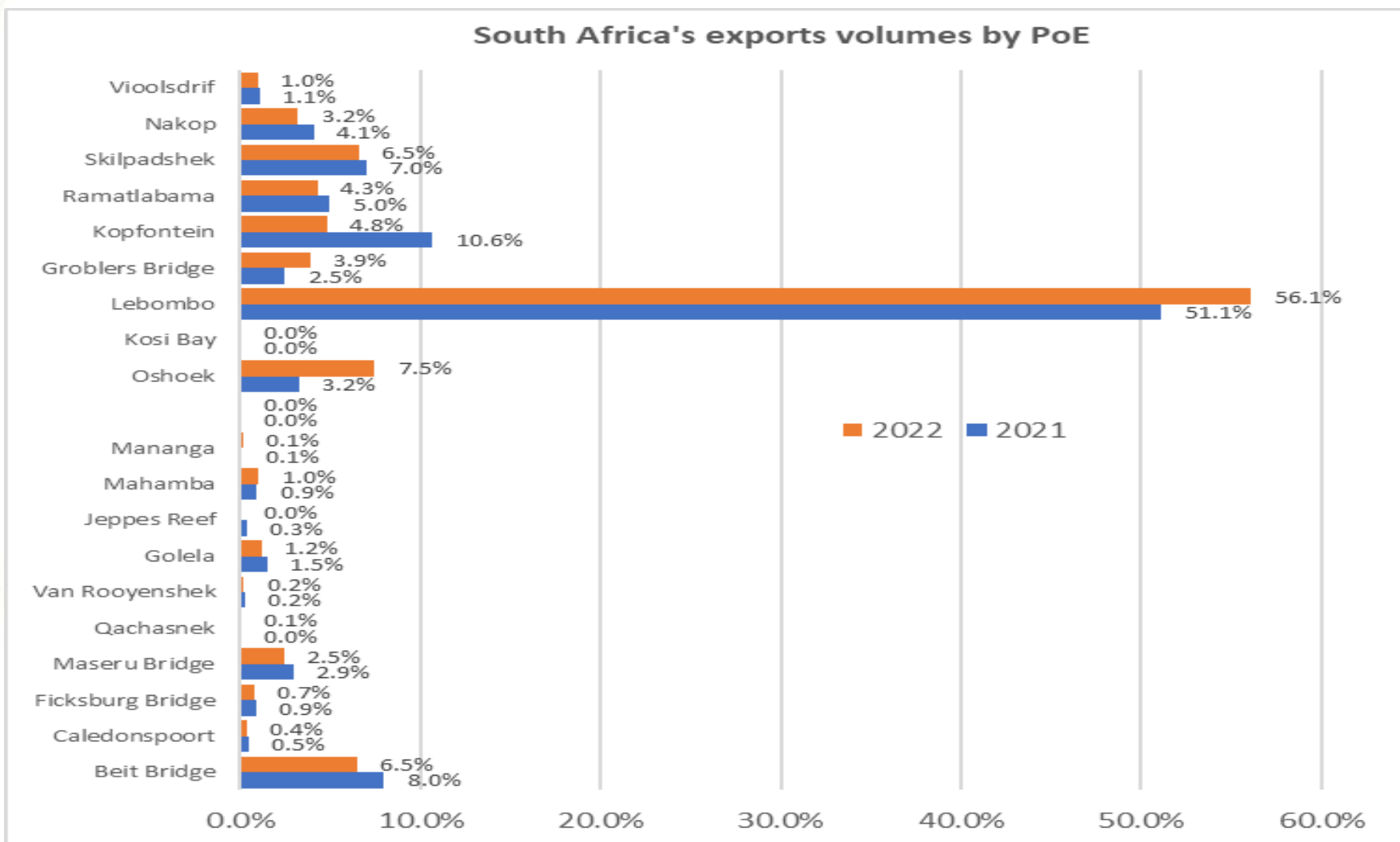
RSA exports to Neighbouring countries

- Total exports= R295bn (2021) and R411bn (2022) surged by 39%;
- Botswana was the major importing trading partner as South Africa exported about 33% at a value of R136bn
- The second highest importing partner was Mozambique, with imports registering about R109bn

	2021	2022	Yr-on-Yr	Percentage
Botswana	98,089,859,385	136,433,198,167	39%	33%
eSwatini	22,480,247,953	28,257,262,327	26%	7%
Lesotho	20,439,846,649	22,993,686,132	12%	6%
Mozambique	73,065,308,834	108,606,069,616	49%	26%
Namibia	35,909,995,031	36,427,813,441	1%	9%
Zimbabwe	70,205,736,005	78,549,013,808	12%	19%
South Africa	294,823,391,452	411,267,043,491	39%	100%

RSA export volumes to Neighbouring countries

- In 2022, the highest export volumes of the country were transported along N4 corridor through Lebombo border post to Mozambique including transit goods to Maputo port.



RSA imports from Neighbouring countries

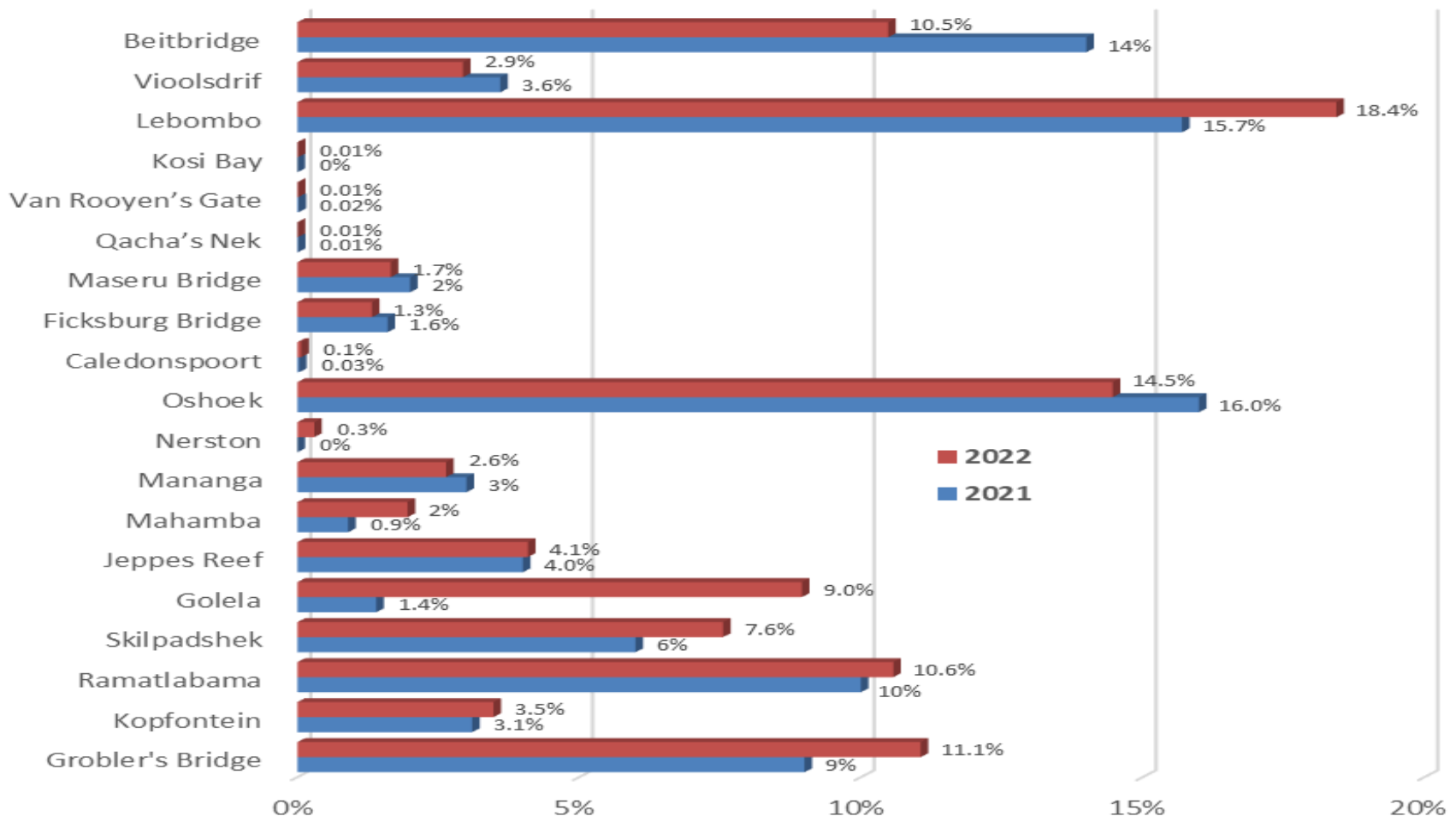
- Total imports= R50bn (2021) and R57bn (2022) upsurged by 14%;
- eSwatini was the major exporting trading partner as South Africa imported about 40% at a value of R22,6bn
- Botswana followed by recording R17, 1 billion (30%).

	2021	2022	Yr-on-Yr	Percentage
Botswana	9,938,780,388	17,056,882,835	72%	30%
eSwatini	20,935,727,067	22,600,313,846	8%	40%
Lesotho	5,364,422,145	5,935,804,948	11%	10.4%
Mozambique	5,139,996,867	554,775,222	-89%	1.0%
Namibia	4,645,888,381	4,805,058,817	3%	8.4%
Zimbabwe	7,111,890,125	6,234,220,867	-12%	10.9%
South Africa	50,114,906,225	57,187,056,535	14%	100%

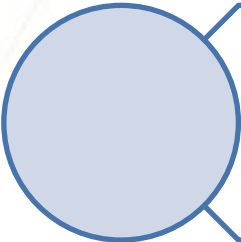
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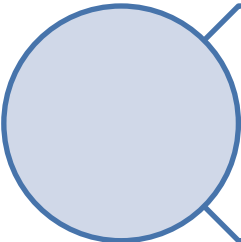
South Africa's imports routes by trade volumes



Trade Balance of South Africa



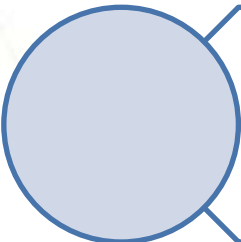
Balance of trade is the difference between a country's exports and imports. Exports are domestically produced goods and services sold abroad; imports are the purchase of foreign goods and services



In 2021, South Africa exported about R294,8 billion worth of goods and only imported R50,1 billion worth of goods, resulting in a trade surplus of R244,7 billion



In 2022, South Africa exported approximately R411 billion and imported goods amounting to R57 billion resulting in a trade surplus of R354 billion



This implies that South Africa's trade balance grew by R109 billion (44,5%) in trading with her neighbours in 2022

CHALLENGES IN THE REGION



Challenges in the region

There is a multitude of challenges, constraints and impediments facing cross-border road transport operators as they conduct operations between and across countries in SADC and the Tripartite.

These challenges include, but not limited to the following:

- ☐ Different regulatory requirements i.e. different documentation standards, requirements and operating procedures;
- ☐ Different third-party insurance cover requirements;
- ☐ Delays and congestion; and
- ☐ High cost of doing business.

Challenges in the region

The challenges are the outcomes of:

- Weakness in the regulatory framework between countries
- Failure by Member States to fully implement the regulatory framework
- Failure by regulatory authorities to harmonise regulatory practices and requirements, standards and procedures
- Incorrect implementation of the road transport Agreements, unclear cross-border road transport legislation
- Lack of common understanding of the provisions of the SADC Protocol on Transport, Communications and Meteorology and Agreements



REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

Regional solutions

- Joint Route Management Groups (JRMG) and Joint Committees (JC) as provided for by the Protocol and Agreements that were established to monitor the implementation of these instruments, these have proved to be limited in securing resolutions with high impact on cross-border operations.
- The Cross-Border Road Transport Regulators Forum (CBRT-RF) was established under the SADC Protocol on Transport Communication & Metrology to address these challenges and find mechanisms for optimising opportunities to move the regional road transport sector forward.
- Part of the Action Plan of the CBRT-RF is the Linking Africa Plan.
- The **aim** of the Linking Africa Plan is to **improve African economies** through the **transformation of the cross-border transport system, cross-border trade** and creating an environment that seeks to **promote meaningful intra-Africa trade** which will lead to **industrialisation**.

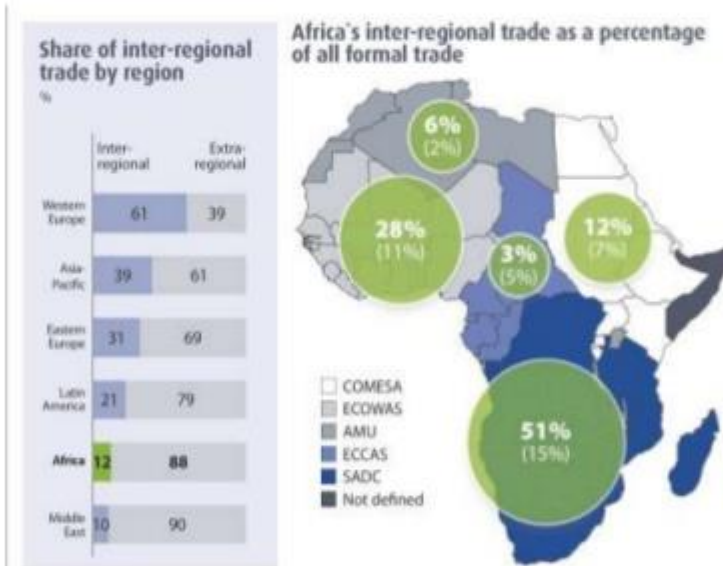
Regional solutions

- The regional solutions are enshrined in the SADC Protocol on **Transport, Communication and Meteorology**, and **SADC Protocol on Trade in Services**.
- Furthermore, there are other tripartite and continental solutions:-
- Tripartite Transport & Transit Facilitation Programme for the **Tripartite Free Trade Area (SADC, COMESA and EAC)** - harmonised road transport policies, laws, regulations, systems and standards that affect drivers, loads, vehicles and road infrastructure in the countries of the EA-SA region.
- **Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)** agreement - agreement will create the largest free trade area in the world measured by the number of countries participating. The pact connects 1.3 billion people across 55 countries with a combined gross domestic product (GDP) valued at US\$3.4 trillion.



INTRA AFRICA TRADE

Intra-Africa Trade

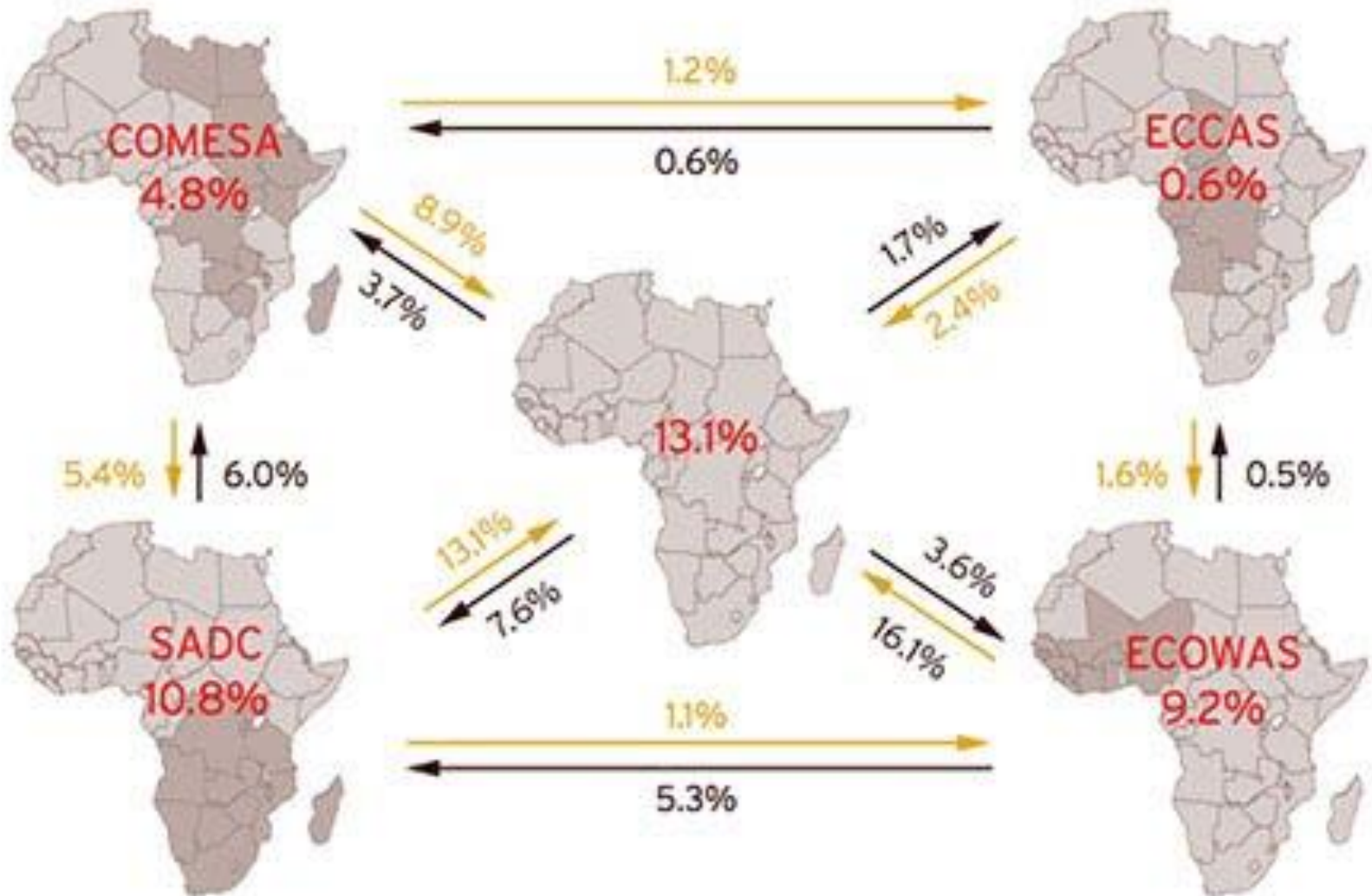


Note: Because of overlap, EAC, CEN-SAD and IGAD are not depicted.

- Intra-Africa trade remains low compared to other regions
- Investment in regional transport infrastructure and ports, is necessary

Source: AfDB

Intra Africa Trade



C-BRTA TOOLS TO REGIONAL INTEGRATION



Digital tools for the C-BRTA



CrossEasy permit application system

Operator Compliance Accreditation System

Vehicle Reservation System

Smart Law Enforcement Tools

Corridor Performance Indicator (to be automated)

Cross border flow calculator (to be automated)



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