



Supporting Regional Economic Integration and South-South Links



ABOUT

Emerging economies have become the drivers of global economic growth and represent increasingly important markets for intermediate and final goods from other developing countries. They are also growing sources of foreign direct investment and technology. Regional economic integration is gaining momentum in all regions of the world, offering new opportunities for trade and economic development. The International Trade Centre (ITC) works with emerging economies to promote value-added trade and investment and technology transfer among these markets and other developing countries, including least developed countries (LDCs). ITC helps contribute to stronger regional economic integration and South-South links through:

- Helping to activate **regional trade** agreements, reduce barriers to trade and enable small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to identify and take advantage of regional market opportunities; and
- Building enterprise and institutional links for trade, investment and knowledge and technology transfers that work to the mutual benefit of all **South-South** market partners

SUPPORT REQUIRED TO MEET DEMAND

- Boost inter-regional trade in regional blocs, including sub-Saharan Africa and the Arab States region