

The AfCFTA Agreement is commonly defined as a “deep agreement” because it aims at promoting a deep level of integration that goes beyond trade, with provisions covering various policy areas such as services, intellectual property rights, investment and competition policy, e-commerce, most of them being still in course of negotiation within the context of specific Protocols yet to be formally adopted. In addition to such areas, a Protocol for Women in Trade is being negotiated, which aims at empowering women as a key sector for boosting intra-regional trade in Africa. Read the full post on our [blog](#) .