

Brief overview of the work of the Directorate: DITP

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Market Access (export market)

✓ Main forms of trade agreements/ arrangements:

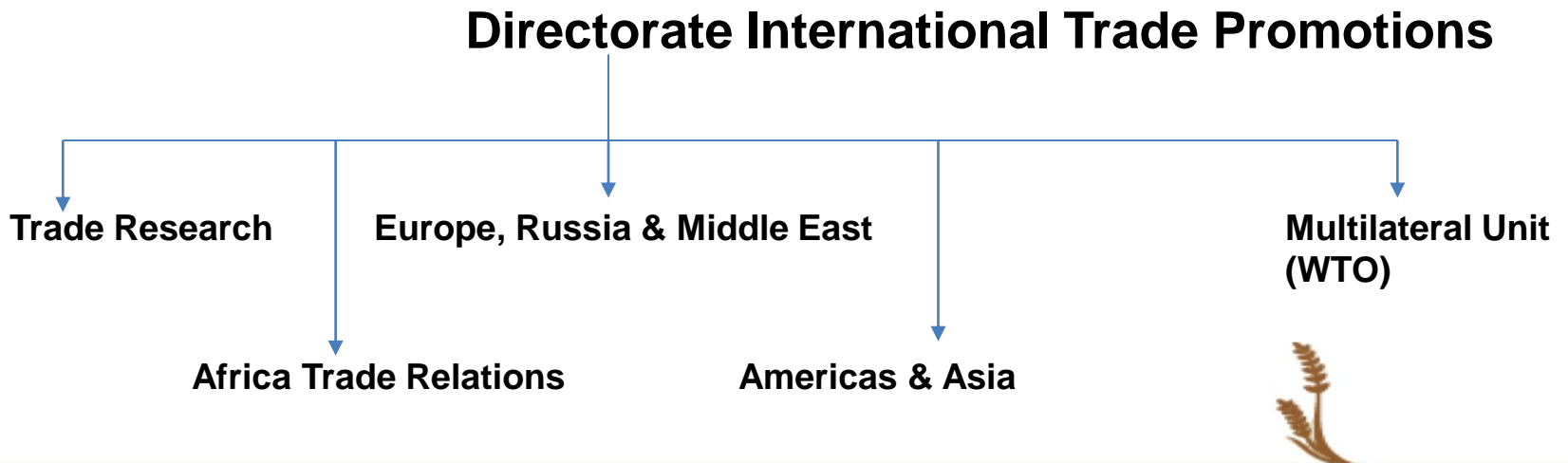
Free Trade Area (FTA) e.g., SADC FTA	Aim: elimination of trade barriers	Coverage: substantially all trade (85% plus)
Preferential Trade Area (PTA) e.g., SACU Mercosur PTA	Aim: reduction of trade barriers	Coverage: Agreed number of tariff lines (limited scope)
Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)	Focus: non-reciprocal unilateral market access	Coverage: Specified number of tariff lines

Major Trade Barriers (export market)

- ✓ **Customs duties/ import tariffs**
- ✓ **Non-tariff barriers (NTBs)**
- ✓ **Customs documentation & Border control issues**
- ✓ **Technical barriers to trade (labelling)**
- ✓ **Quality standards**
- ✓ **Import restrictions**
- ✓ **Export restrictions (export taxes)**

Mandate & Structure of the Directorate

- ✓ **Mandate: increase market access (exports);**
- ✓ **Enabling tools: through negotiating preferential trade agreements;**
- ✓ **RSA also benefits from unilateral preferential market access schemes (Generalized System of Preferences)**



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Americas & Asia: monitors the implementation of the SACU-Mercosur PTA;

- ✓ It entered into force in 2016 & it covers 1000 tariff lines;
- ✓ These tariff lines benefit from tariff reduction;
- ✓ Unit also participates in the **SACU-India PTA negotiations**;
- ✓ Unit also oversees the **USA AGOA/GSP Scheme** which grants non-reciprocal unilateral market access on over 6400 tariff lines;

Trade Research UNIT: provides trade research support to the sector;

Multilateral Trade UNIT: deals mainly with WTO negotiations,

D:ITP UNITS

Europe, Russia & Middle-East

- ✓ **The Unit oversees the implementation of the following trade agreements:**
 - SACU Mozambique UK;
 - SADC-EU Economic Partnership Agreement;
 - SACU EFTA FTA;

- ✓ No preferential trade agreements with Russia & the Middle-East at the moment;



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Africa Trade Relations

- ✓ Unit monitors the implementation of the SACU Agreement;
- ✓ SACU is customs union between RSA, eSwatini, Botswana, Lesotho & Namibia;
- ✓ Monitors the implementation of the SADC FTA (13 MS);
- ✓ Participating in the negotiations for the Tripartite FTA (T-FTA);
- ✓ T-FTA involves Member States of 3 Regional Economic Communities (RECs): SADC, COMESA & EAC;
- ✓ Currently participating in negotiations for the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): 55 AU Member States.



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