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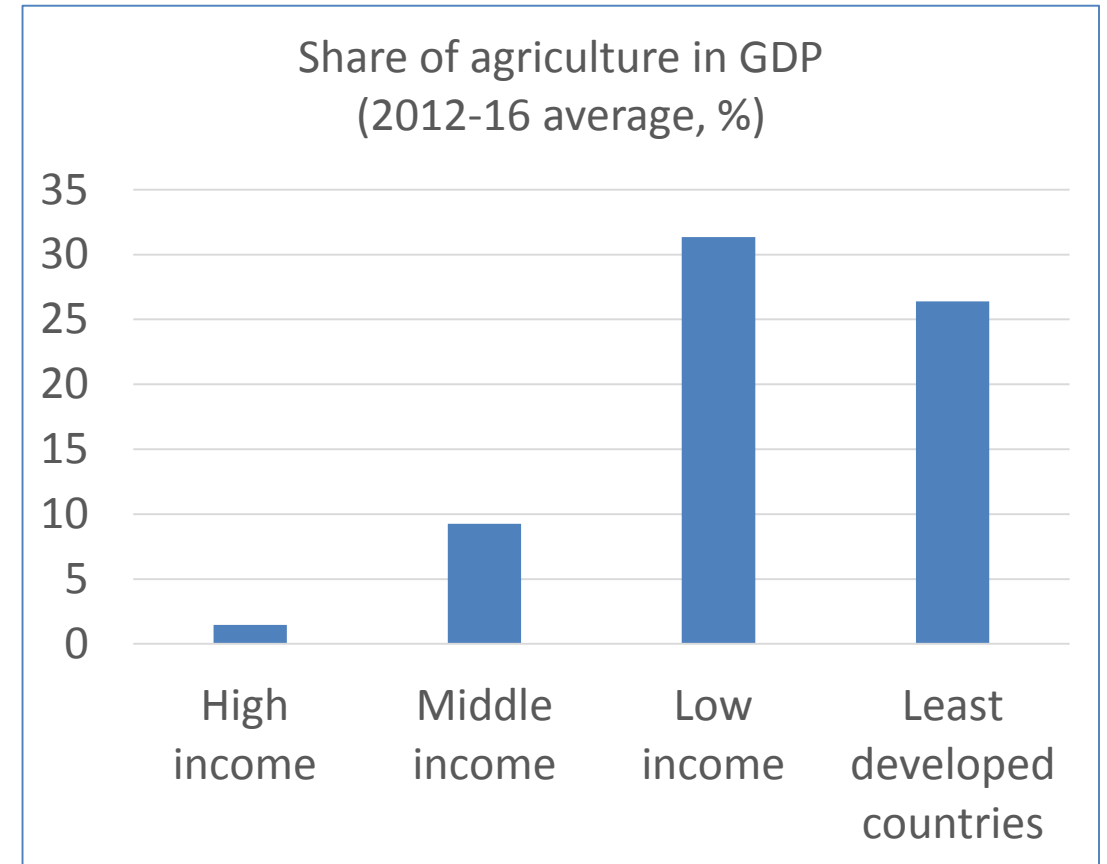
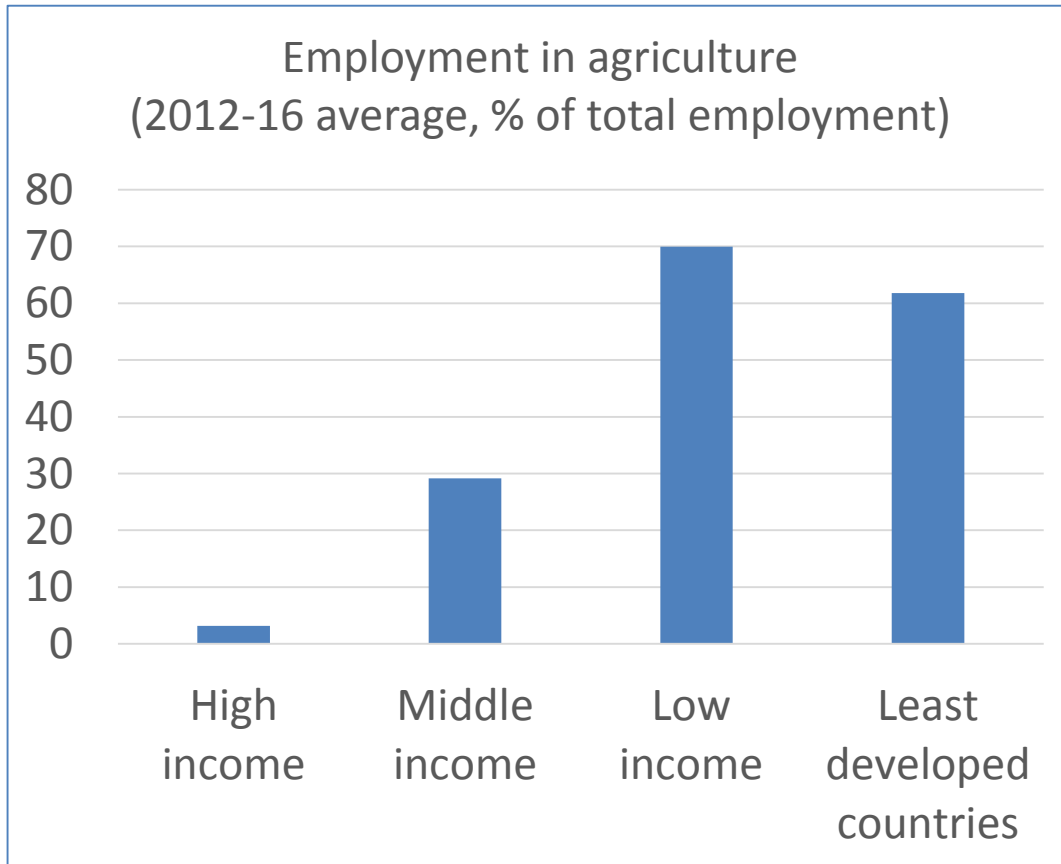
# The Role of International and Regional Cooperation in Agricultural Commodity Development

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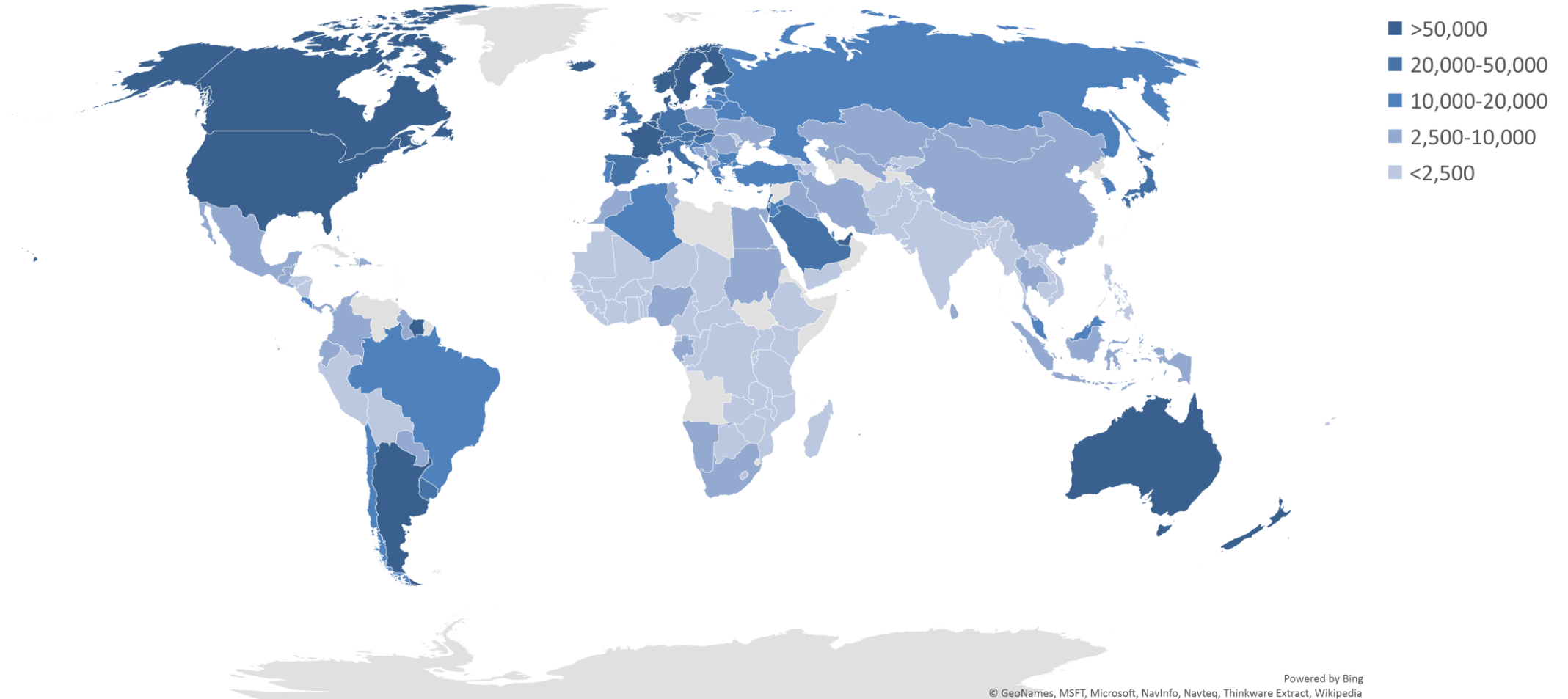
## Agriculture accounts for large shares of employment and GDP in developing countries





## There are large differences in agricultural labor productivity

Value added per worker in agriculture in 2016 (constant 2010 USD)



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# Agricultural development is crucial for the SDGs

- Poverty reduction
- Food security
- Rural development
- Structural transformation





# Promoting value addition and productivity in agriculture

- Horizontal: economy-wide policies
  - Ensure macroeconomic stability
  - Invest in human capital
  - Improve infrastructure
- Targeted: measures directed at specific sector or issue
  - Strengthen market access for smallholders
  - Support innovation
  - Facilitate access to finance

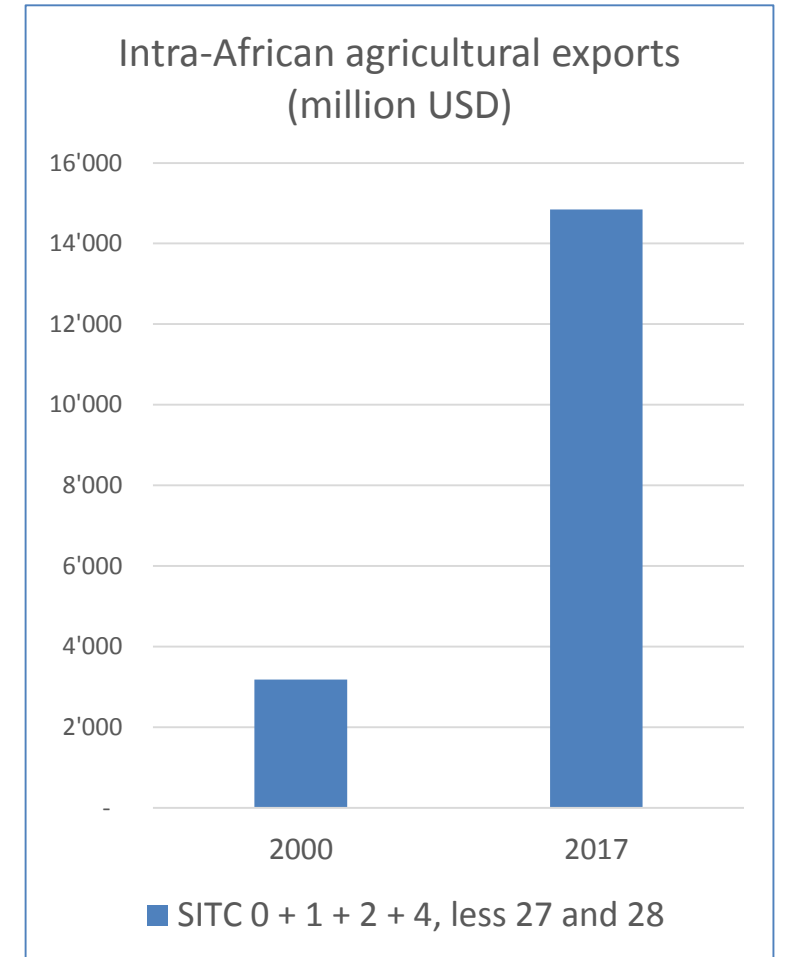
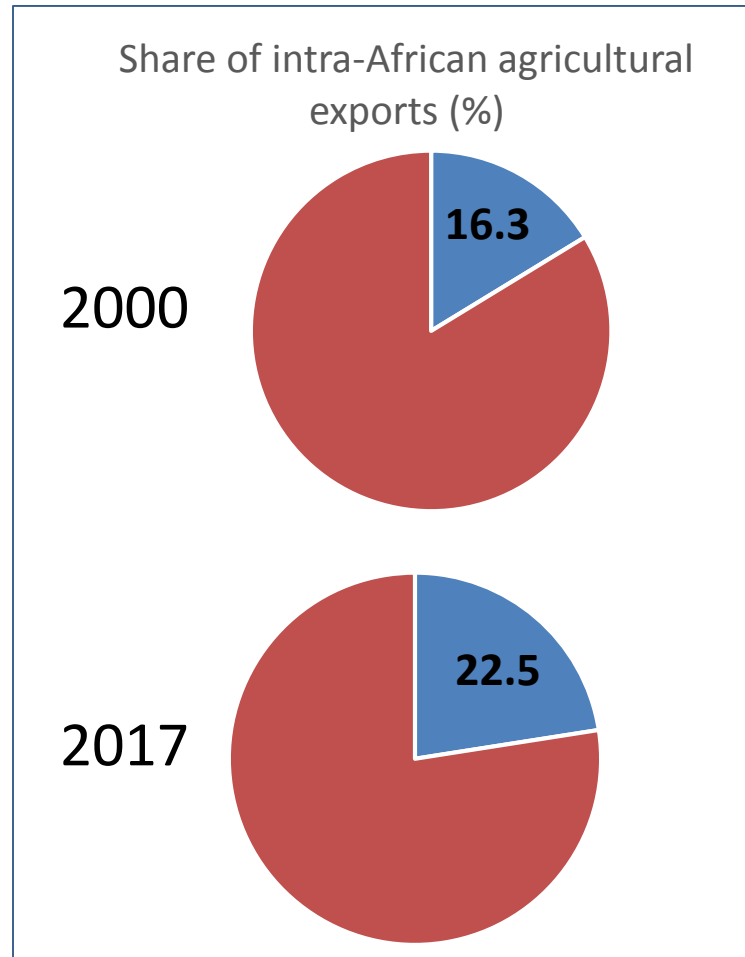
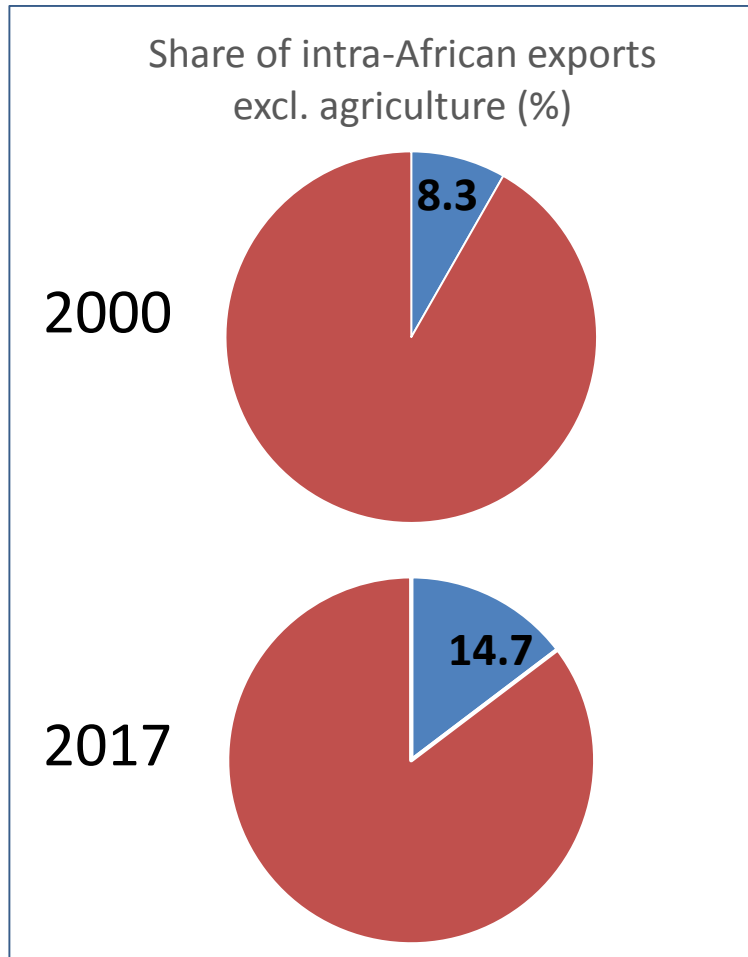


## Regional and international cooperation

- Reduce trade barriers
- Lower transaction costs
- Strengthen regional value chains

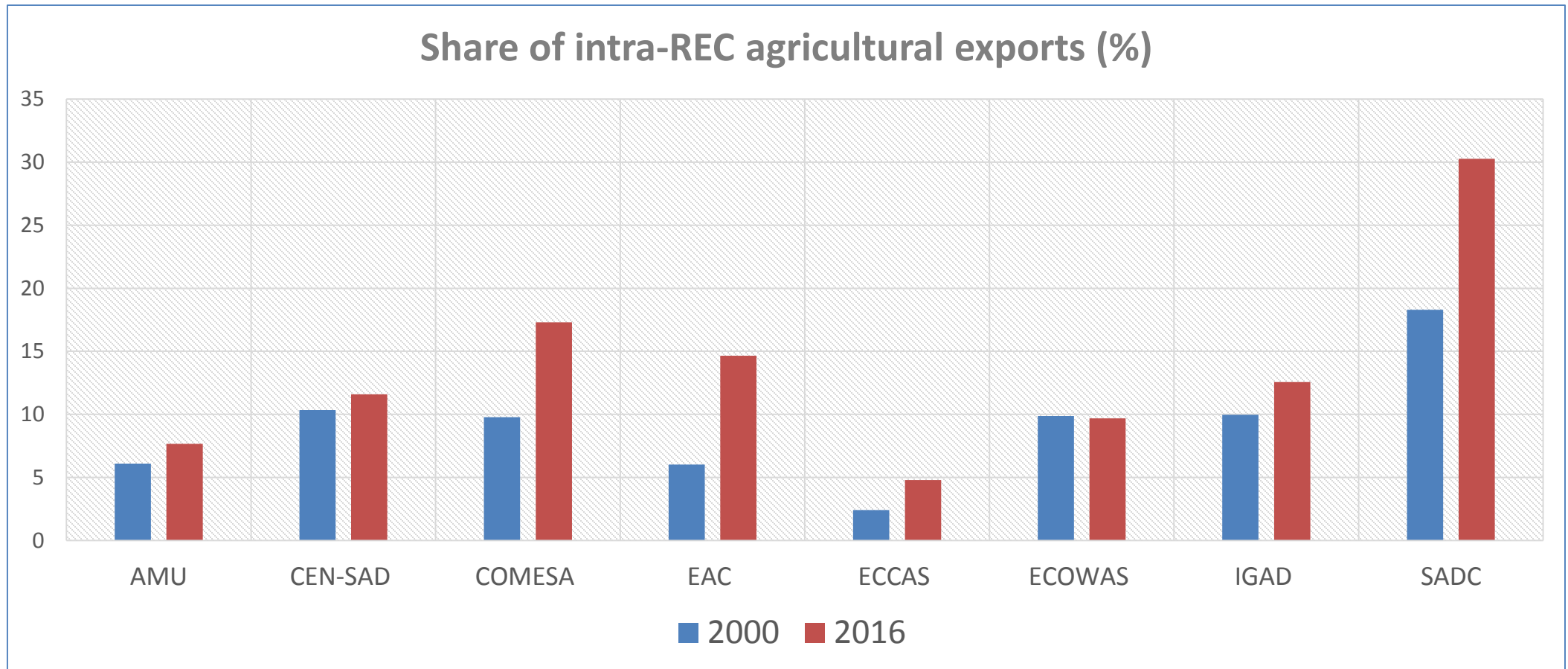


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## African Continental Free Trade Area

- Establish single continental market
- Boost intra-African trade
- Consolidate regional FTAs
- Promote regional integration



## Intra-African regional cooperation

- Create regional market places: e.g. Mombasa Tea Auction
- Strengthen regional infrastructure: e.g. Maputo Development Corridor
- Develop cross-border mobile payment systems: e.g. Burkina Faso-Cote d'Ivoire, Tanzania-Rwanda mobile-to-mobile service



## Summary

- Agricultural development is a crucial aspect of the sustainable development agenda
- Horizontal and targeted policies can promote value addition and productivity in agriculture
- Regional and international cooperation can play an important role



Thank you.

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