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### **Progress in the Implementation of the Abuja Resolutions on Fertiliser in COMESA**

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## **OUTLINE**

- **Background on ACTESA**
- **Measures to Enhance Fertiliser Trade**
- **Measures to enhance supply and Access to Fertiliser**
- **Measures to Enhance Access to Credit**



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## WHO IS ACTESA

- **Specialised Agency for COMESA**
- **Objectives**
  - Improve policy environment and competitiveness
  - Improve and expand market facilities and services, and
  - Increase commercial integration of producers into national, regional and international markets.



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## FOCUS AREAS

- **Cereals and Pulses**
- **Roots and Tubers**
- **Oilseeds**
- **Horticulture**
- **Tree Crops**
- **Forestry products**
- **Livestock**
- **Agricultural Inputs**



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### ABUJA SUMMIT ON FERTILISER

- Summary of Resolutions
  - Commodity Without Borders (trade)
  - Improve Inputs Supply and Farmers' Access to Inputs
  - Credit



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## ACTESA

### TRADE

- Zero rating of fertiliser tariffs
- Internal Taxes (VAT, Levies, etc)
- Simplified Trade Regime (STR)
- One Stop Border Post
- International Conventions Relating to Hazardous Products
- Customs Union



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## TRADE

- Transit Charges (Road & COMESA transit guarantee scheme)
- Axle Weights
- Roadblocks (NTBs)
  - <http://ntb.africonnect.com>
- Export restrictions



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## TRADE

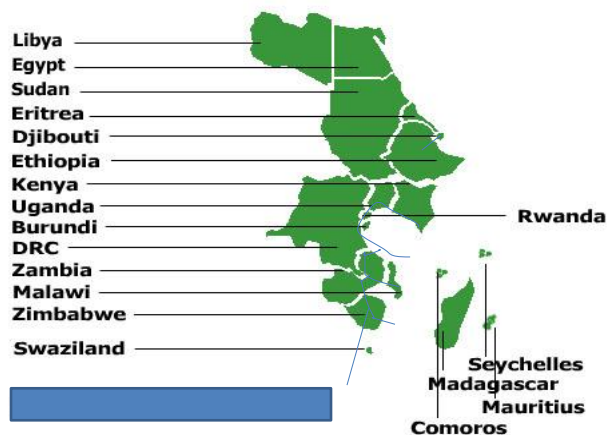
- Standards and Regulations Harmonisation
  - Size of packs
  - Fertiliser nomenclature
  - Truth in labelling
  - Traceability
- Support from FAO



## MEASURES TO ENHANCE SUPPLY

- **Regional Production**
  - Methane and phosphate deposits
- **Infrastructure Development**
  - Roads, Railways, Waterways and Ports
  - Warehouses (national & regional-PPPs)
- **COMESA Agro Inputs Programme**

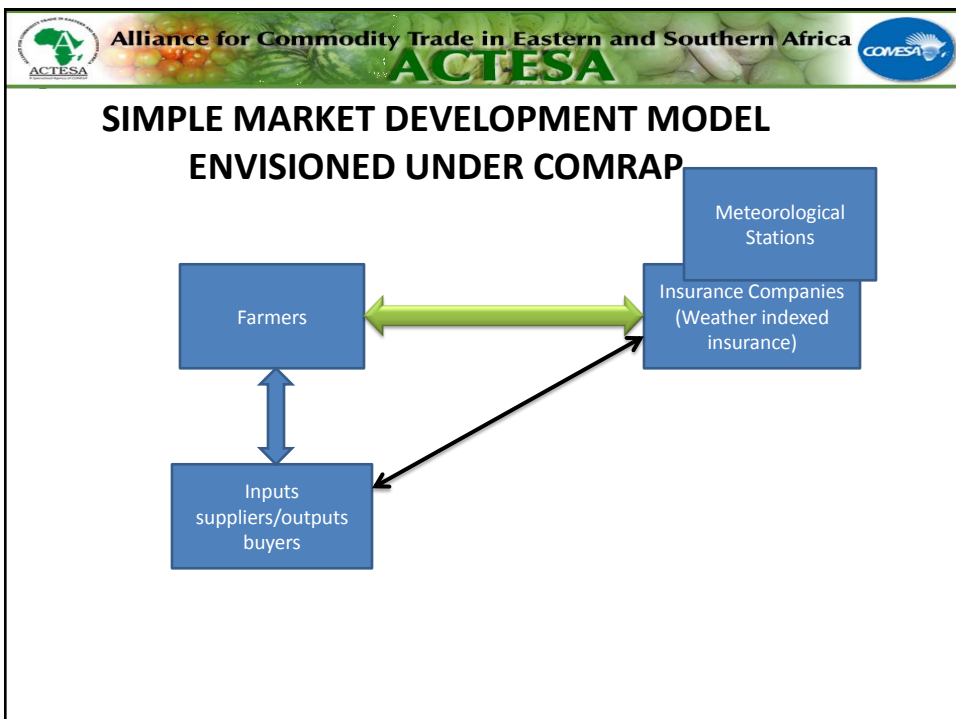
## Corridor Development & Market Access





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## COMESA AGRO INPUTS PROGRAMME

- Build Capacity to Enhance Delivery of Rural Credit
- Inputs/Outputs Market Development – agro dealer training
- Harmonisation and Rationalisation of seed policies and regulations
- Seed quality and supply improvement






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## CREDIT

- COMESA Agro Inputs Programme (COMRAP)
- Credit Guarantees
- Offshore lines of Credit



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## Thank you for your attention