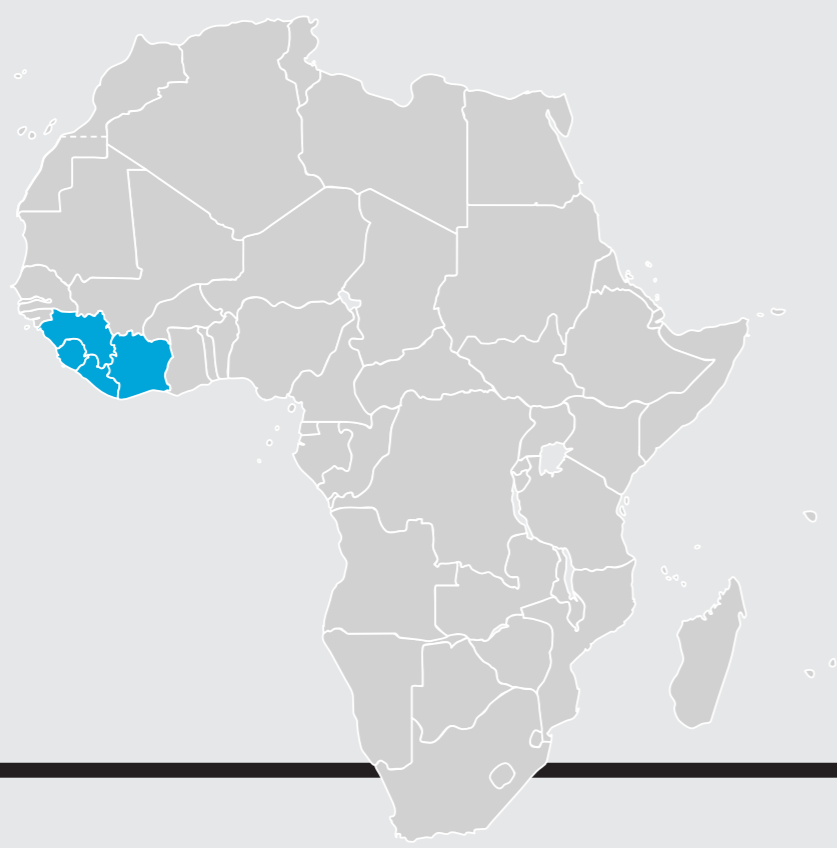


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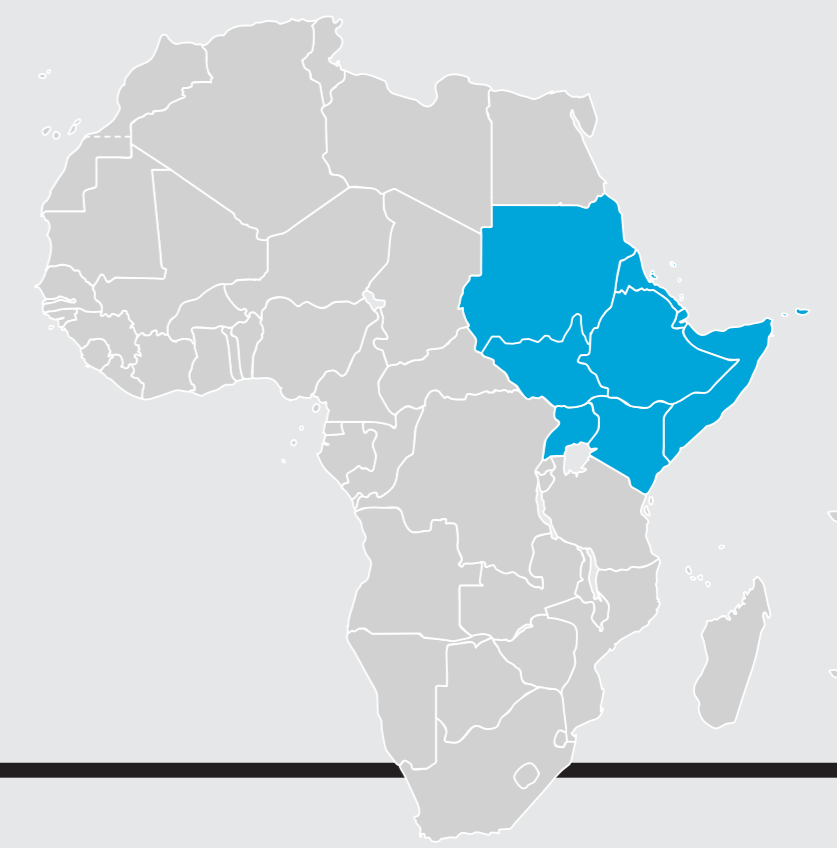
MRU
Manu River Union

4 countries



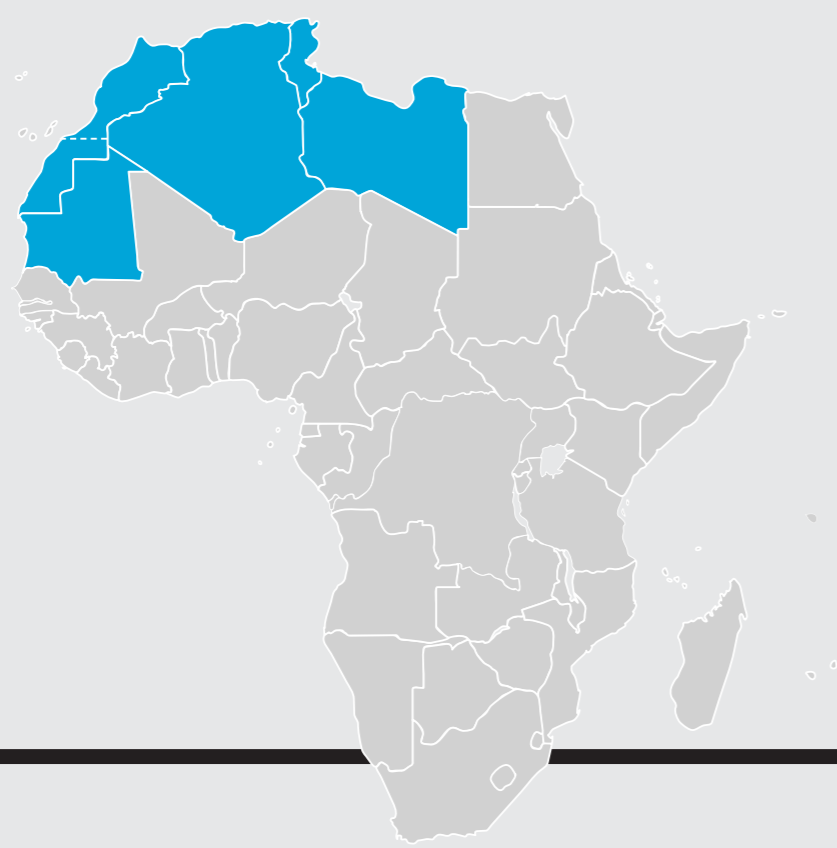
SACU
Southern African Customs Union

5 countries



IGAD
Intergovernmental Authority on Development

8 countries



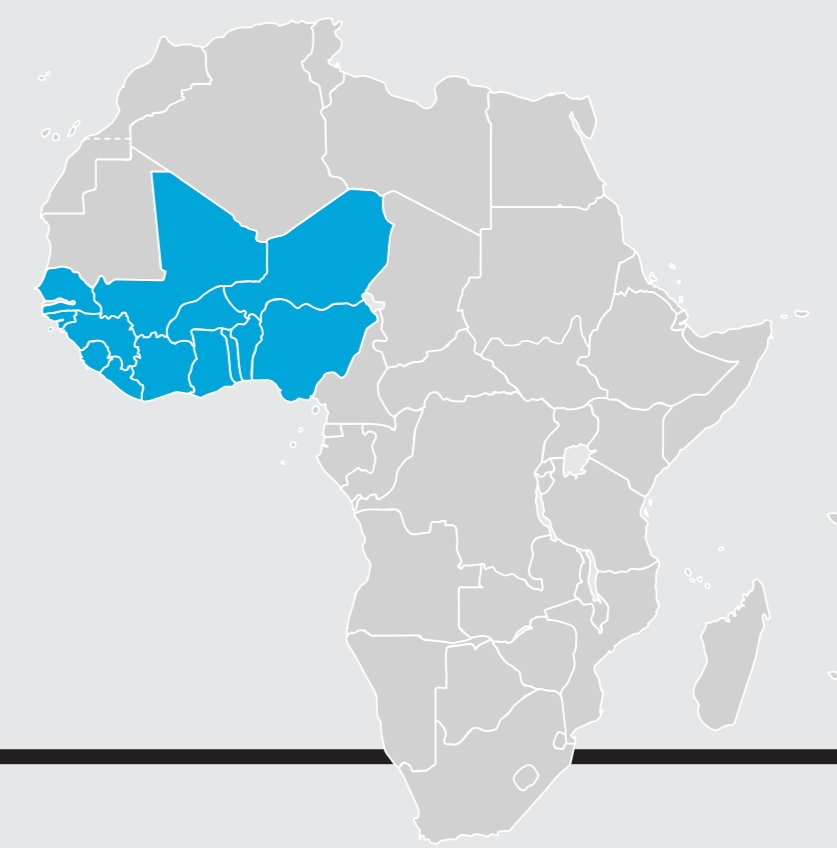
AMU
Arab Maghreb Union

5 countries



EAC
East African Community

6 countries



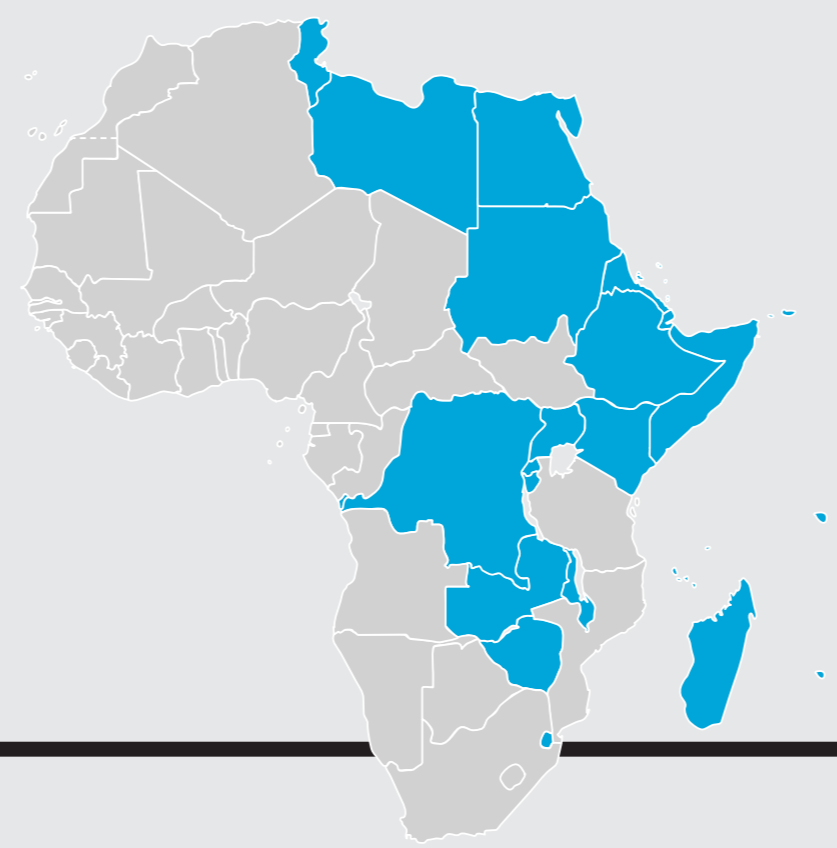
ECOWAS
Economic Community of West African States

15 countries



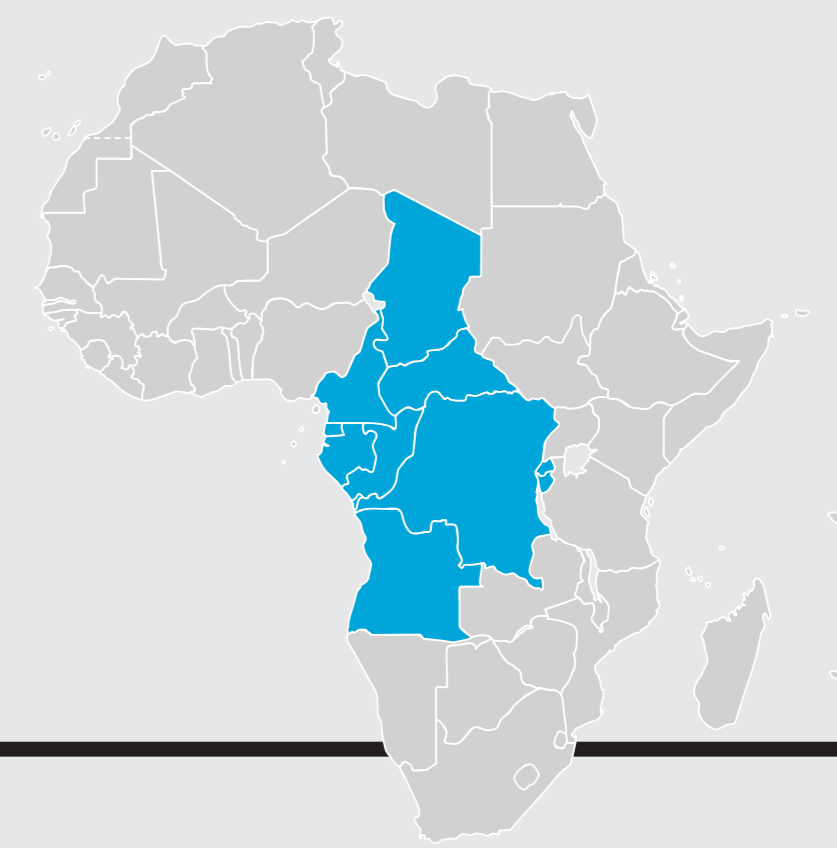
SADC
Southern African Development Community

16 countries



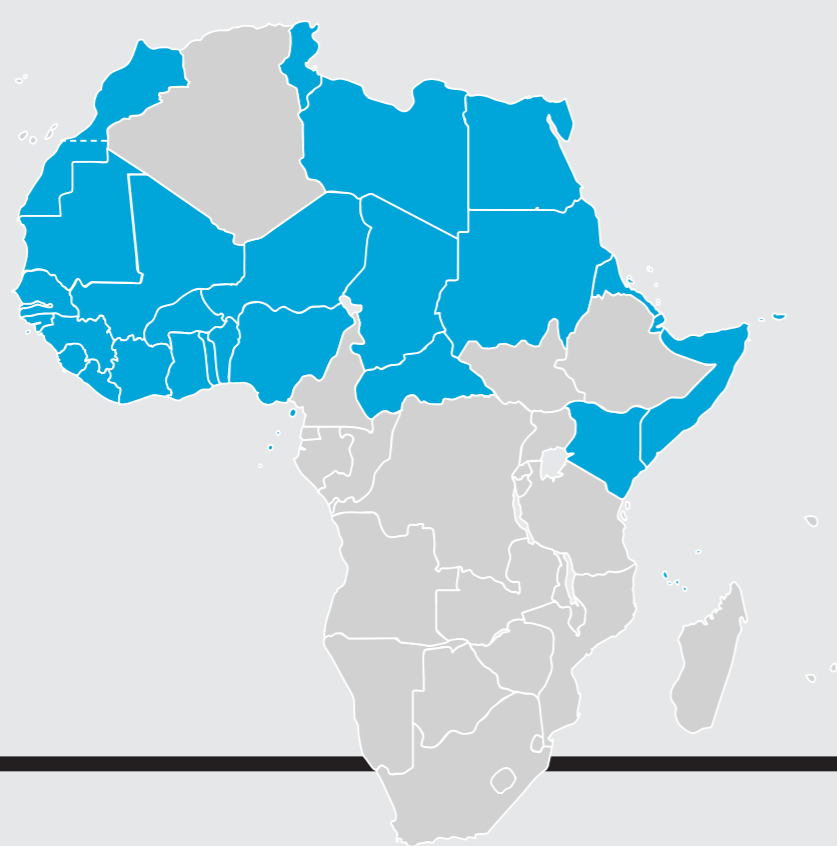
COMESA
Common Market for Eastern & Southern Africa

21 countries



ECCAS
Economic Community of Central African States

10 countries



CEN-SAD
Community of Sahel-Saharan States

29 countries

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