



National Nodes

ATFF NATIONAL NODES

INTRODUCTORY TEXT

ATFF National Nodes are country-level digital trade gateways designed to support the onboarding, verification, coordination, monitoring, and participation of SMEs within each AfCFTA member state.

A National Node helps connect a country's SMEs, exporters, buyers, logistics providers, financial institutions, trade agencies, and government stakeholders to the broader ATFF Pan-African trade ecosystem.

WHAT IS AN ATFF NATIONAL NODE?

An ATFF National Node is a localized operational layer within the ATFF platform that reflects the trade structure, business requirements, institutional framework, and SME ecosystem of a participating country.

Each National Node is designed to support country-specific AfCFTA implementation by helping businesses register, verify, list products, access trade information, connect with buyers, and participate in cross-border trade.

PURPOSE OF NATIONAL NODES

National Nodes are designed to:

- support country-level SME onboarding;
- enable business verification;
- provide national trade visibility;
- support government reporting;
- connect businesses to local trade agencies;
- promote AfCFTA awareness;
- support export readiness;
- align trade workflows with national systems;
- strengthen regional trade coordination.

NIGERIA NATIONAL NODE

The Nigeria National Node is intended to support Nigerian SMEs and exporters by providing a digital pathway for AfCFTA participation. It may align with relevant Nigerian trade stakeholders such as the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Nigeria AfCFTA Coordination Office, NEPC, SMEDAN, NIPC, NEPZA, Customs, standards agencies, chambers of commerce, logistics providers, and financial institutions.

The Nigeria National Node can support:

- Nigerian SME onboarding;
- verified exporter profiling;
- product listing;
- AfCFTA awareness;
- Rules of Origin readiness;
- export documentation support;
- buyer-seller matching;
- national trade data reporting;
- non-oil export growth initiatives.

NATIONAL NODE ECOSYSTEM FEATURES

NATIONAL NODE USER DASHBOARDS

A National Node may include dashboards for:

- SMEs and exporters;
- buyers and importers;
- logistics providers;
- finance partners;
- government trade agencies;
- customs and regulatory users;
- policy institutions;
- national administrators.

NATIONAL NODE FUNCTIONS

The National Node system may support:

- SME verification queue;
- product origin review;
- export readiness monitoring;
- trade documentation support;
- sector analysis;
- state or regional SME participation tracking;
- trade inquiries;
- logistics activity;
- finance applications;
- AfCFTA utilization reporting.

STRATEGIC VALUE OF NATIONAL NODES

National Nodes help governments and trade institutions understand how SMEs are participating in AfCFTA. They can provide useful data on:

- number of SMEs onboarded;
- verified exporters;
- active sectors;
- products listed;
- trade opportunities generated;
- Rules of Origin readiness;
- logistics and finance demand;
- export market interest.

NATIONAL NODES AND EXISTING SYSTEMS

ATFF National Nodes do not replace National Single Window systems, customs platforms, PAPSS, ADAPT, ATG, or government databases. Instead, they are designed to connect, complement, and simplify access to these systems where authorized integrations are available.

LONG-TERM VISION

The long-term vision is to establish ATFF National Nodes across AfCFTA member states, creating a connected digital trade ecosystem where SMEs can trade more easily across borders while governments retain visibility into trade participation and economic impact.

Governments, trade agencies, chambers, and national institutions interested in a National Node can contact ATFF for structured engagement.

Build your country's ATFF National Node.