



AfCFTA CUSTOMS MODERNISATION PROJECT

A 20-Year Concession to Modernise Africa's Borders

*From Signature to Implementation.
From Borders to Business.*



THE REALITY

What Happens at the Border Today

A consignment moving between two African countries is often declared several times. On paper. To agencies whose systems cannot see what the others have already checked.

Each duplication is time. And time at a border is money.

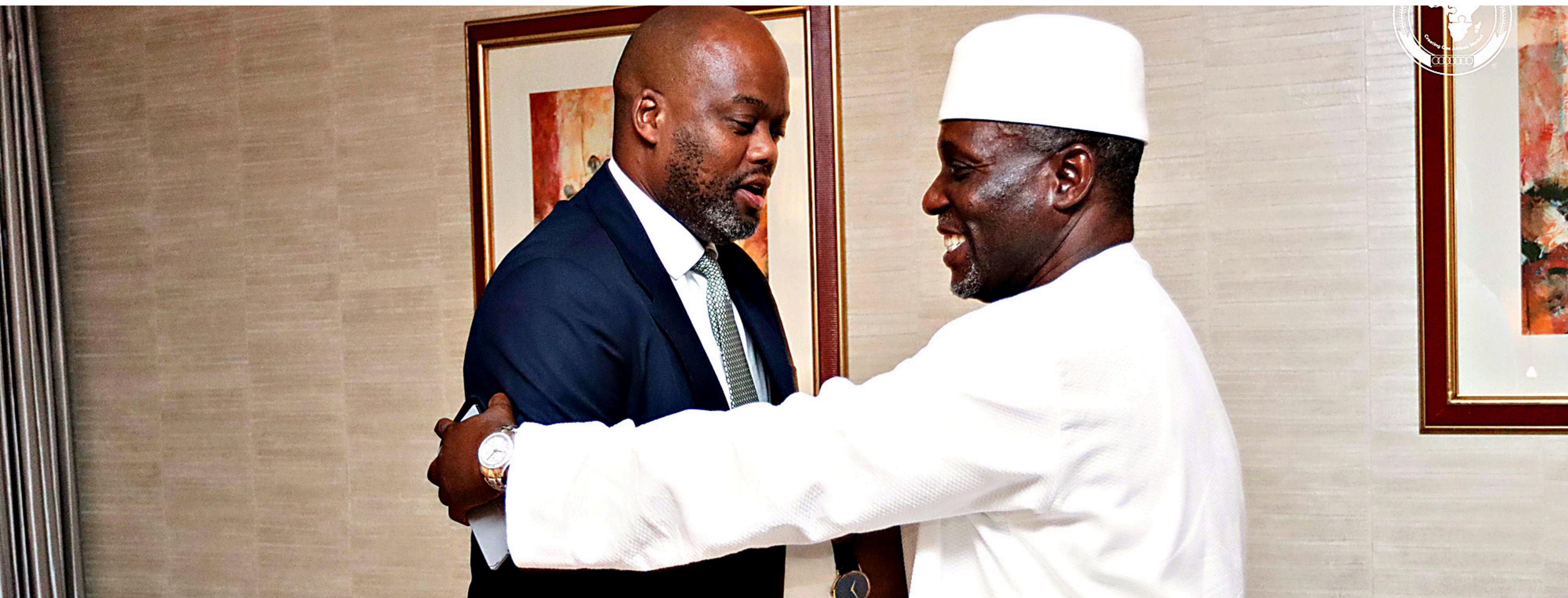


THE COST

Waiting Is Not Neutral. It Is a Price.

It is paid by the transporter whose truck stands idle, by the trader whose margin disappears, and at the end of the chain by the family buying the goods.

It is one of the reasons Africa still trades too little with itself.

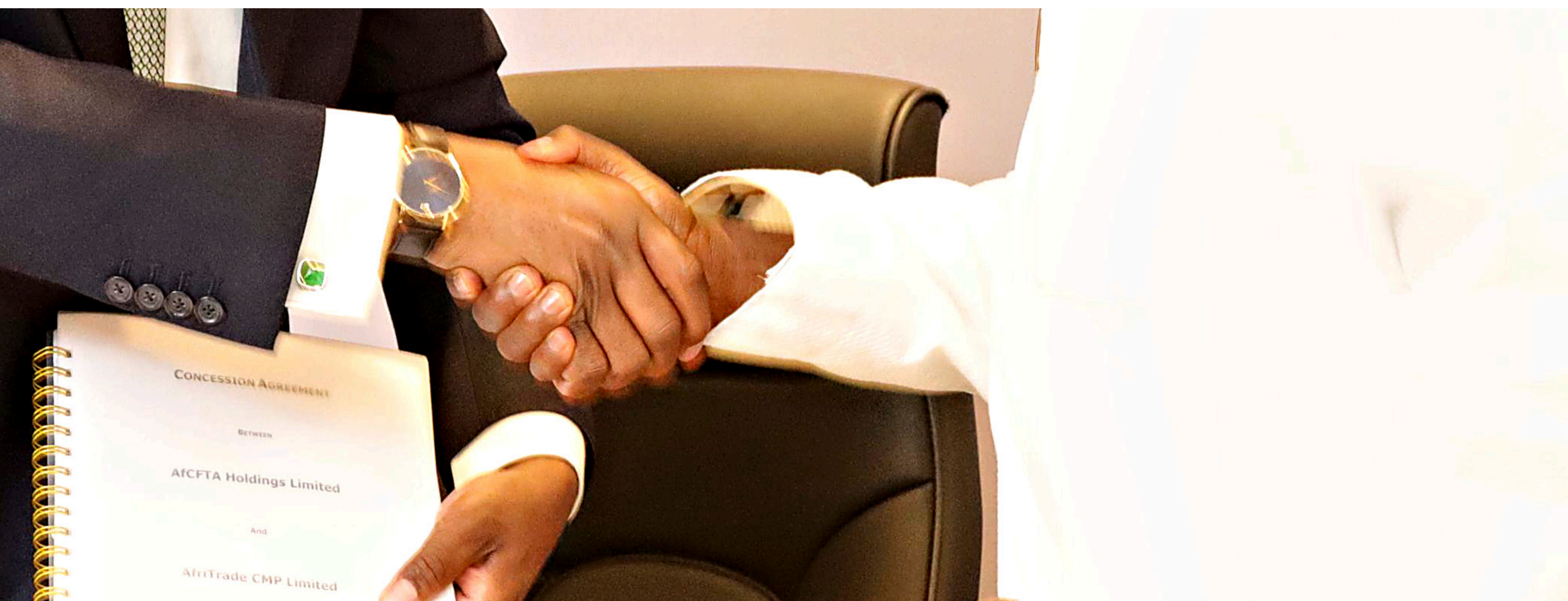


WHAT WAS SIGNED

What Was Signed in Abuja

On 5 August 2026, the AfCFTA Secretariat and Bergmans signed:

- A 20-year Concession Agreement
- A US\$3.1 billion investment envelope
- A public-private partnership model
- For the AfCFTA Customs Modernisation Project



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WHAT IT BUILDS

Three layers, one objective.

Digital procedures

Declarations, risk management, data analytics.

Connected systems

Secure exchange of customs information, coordinated border management, modern transit systems, electronic cargo tracking.

Physical infrastructure

One-stop border posts, non-intrusive inspection, integrated data centres, multilingual portals — and the capacity building that makes all of it usable.





WHAT CHANGES

Declare once. Move on.

A declaration made once, and read by those entitled to read it. A neighbouring administration that receives the information securely instead of starting again from nothing.

Goods that move faster, more safely and more predictably.

Between



WHAT IT DOES NOT DO

Customs stay national. Data stays sovereign.

Customs administration remains a national competence. Customs data belongs to the State Party concerned and remains under the authority of its customs administration.

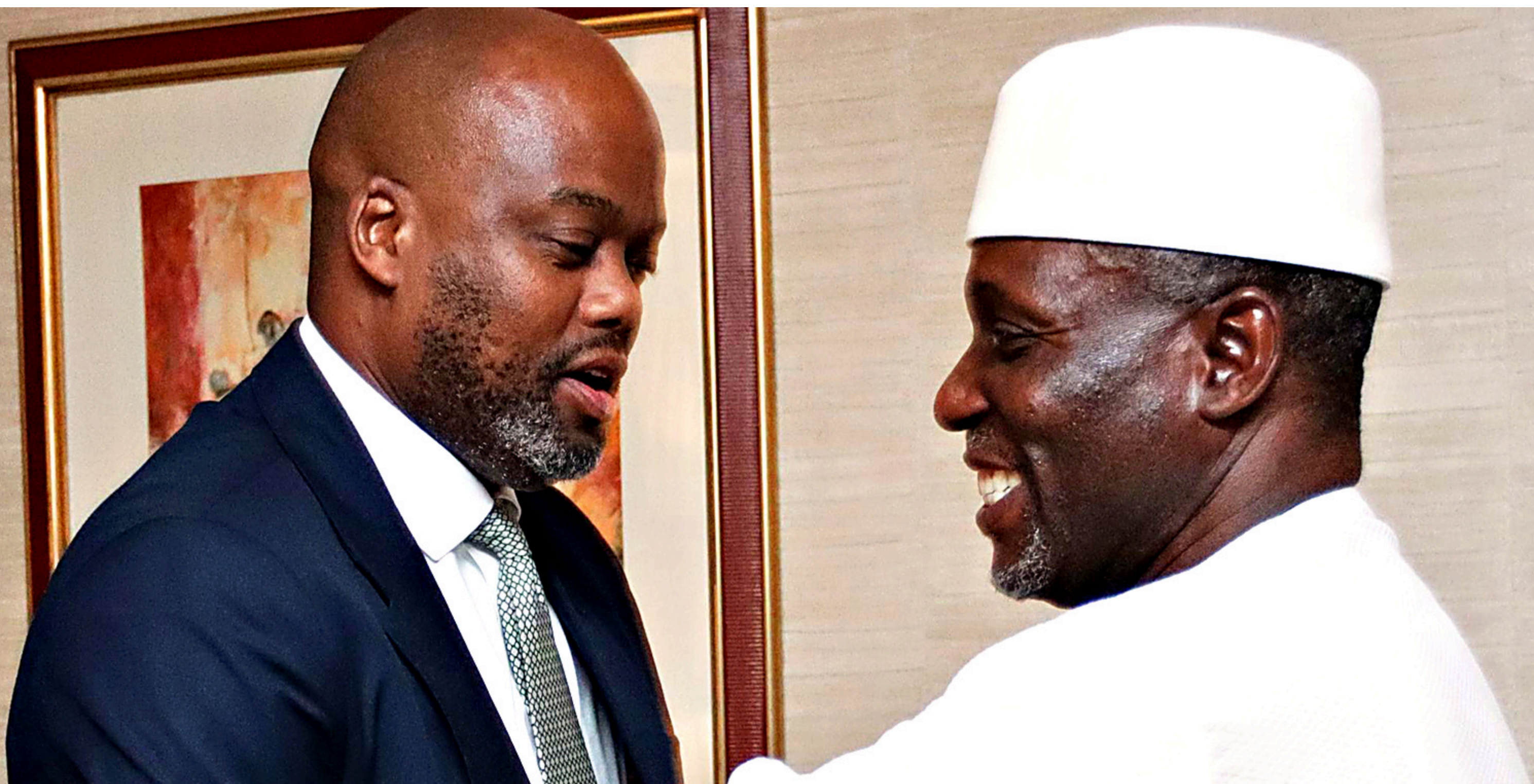
Participation is a decision for each State Party.



We have a shared ambition: customs systems in Africa that are digital, that serve Africa's economy, and that operate with transparency and accountability.

H.E. Wamkele Mene

Secretary-General, AfCFTA Secretariat



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Built with administrations, not for them.

Consultations on implementation arrangements begin now — with participating State Parties, their customs administrations and other relevant stakeholders.

Deployment sites will be announced together with the administrations concerned.





Creating One African Market is not a slogan.

It is what happens — or fails to happen — at the border.

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