

- **Historical entry point**

- **Trade negotiations**

- Assisting beneficiaries better reflect their interests in negotiated outcomes... still a core area

- **Policy and regulatory issues, implementation challenges**

- Moving to a deeper level of engagement on policy/regulatory issues
 - Addressing constraints affecting policy implementation

ILEAP's work on trade in services

- **Advisory support**
 - Backstopping advice and counsel; Analytical support for informed decision-making (policy analysis, position papers, regulatory studies); Consensus-building workshops
- **Examples**
 - Backstopping ECOWAS EPA services Technical Working Group + undertaking various studies (focus towards intra-regional...)
 - Supporting LDC Group @ WTO (negotiations on TF + services [esp. LDC Services Waiver])
 - Supporting CEMAC in EPA services preparations (request, offer, legal text, advice on Mplan, etc.)
 - Working with private sector ... support engagement on negotiations/policy + to support formation of 'service coalitions' (EAC, Uganda, Burundi, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Congo)

ILEAP's work on trade in services

- **Capacity building**
 - Fellowship programme
 - Training workshops
 - Longer-term policy analysis skills development
- **Examples**
 - Supporting ILEAP Fellows – LDC Group (WTO), ECOWAS, UEMOA, EABC... forthcoming EAC, CBC
 - Training on services → awareness raising, embedding services negotiations and reforms within broader sector development objectives (UEMOA, ECOWAS)

ILEAP's work on trade in services

- **Knowledge creation and dissemination**
 - Forward-looking research
 - Knowledge bank services (publications, website, communications)
- **Examples:**
 - Various background studies: services trade & RI in SSA; background and guide on service coalitions; study on use of economic needs tests; role of services in diagnostic studies; use of MFN in EPA services, etc.
 - New website launching this month (serve as more accessible knowledge resource)
 - Proactive communications outreach

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