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Economic Partnership Agreement

The EU and Kenya concluded their negotiations for an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) on 19 June 2023. Key features of the agreement:

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Boosting economic opportunities

- Immediate duty-free quota-free access to the EU for all Kenyan exports
- Partial, gradual opening of the Kenyan market, in full consideration of its economic development
- Ban on unjustified or discriminatory restrictions on imports and exports
- Safeguards on both sides if imports under the deal disturb or threaten to disturb the economy
- Special safeguard conditions to protect Kenya's developing industry
- Better customs rules and procedures for easier trade

Unlocking economic opportunities
through zero tariffs for Kenya

The most ambitious sustainability
provisions ever with an African country

Special focus on economic cooperation
to support Kenya's development





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A deal with sustainability at its core

The EU-Kenya EPA includes an ambitious dedicated Trade and Sustainable Development chapter in line with the EU's new trade policy¹

- Binding and enforceable provisions on the respect of workers' rights, gender equality, environment and climate
- Commitment to implement the Paris agreement on climate change
- Combat illegal wildlife trade, logging and fishing
- Independent civil society representatives (trade unions, business associations, NGOs) to advise both sides on the implementation of the agreement
- Review clause to strengthen sustainability provisions, including stronger enforcement
- Sustainability commitments supported by reinforced cooperation and development assistance.
- Dispute-settlement procedures on sustainability issues to ensure enforcement



Special support to Kenya's development

- Dedicated chapter on economic and development cooperation
- Enhancing the competitiveness of the Kenyan economy
- Helping build capacity of Kenyan businesses to trade internationally
- Assisting Kenya in smooth implementation of the EPA



¹ Circabc (europa.eu)