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SPECIAL ISSUE ON:

"THE AfCFTA AND AFRICAN TRADE"

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OVERVIEW:

The signing of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in March 2018 represented a milestone on the road towards achieving the long-standing goal of closer African economic and political integration. Yet, the AfCFTA comes at a time when the rest of the global economy is entering into an unprecedented global crisis after months of escalating trade tensions and war between the two leading global economies. As negotiations are finalized and we enter into the implementation stage of the AfCFTA, there is a widespread need across the continent for more analytical studies into the impact of the AfCFTA and the additional reforms and investment required to ensure a successful implementation of the AfCFTA agreement.

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SUBJECT COVERAGE:

The special issue aims to provide a timely collection of articles that shed light on the challenges and opportunities that the AfCFTA presents. The topics considered may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- *Modelling the AfCFTA's Impact (Quantitative Estimates of the Potential Socioeconomic Effects of AfCFTA)*
- *The role of Trade Facilitation*
- *Value-chain analysis*
- *Environmental Impacts*
- *Services Trade*
- *The role of Regional Economic Communities*
- *Rules of Origin*
- *The impact of Covid-19 on AfCFTA implementation and effectiveness*
- *Technological development and AfCFTA*
- *Payment and Settlement Systems for intra-African trade*
- *Financing the implementation of the AfCFTA*

NOTES FOR PROSPECTIVE AUTHORS:

Submitted papers should not have been previously published or be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. Given the urgency of the topic, manuscripts submitted to the special issue will undergo a fast-track peer review process, with the goal of returning the first decision within two to four weeks and a final decision within two rounds of peer review. To submit a paper, please follow the guidelines here: <https://www.atlantis-publishing.com/journals/jat/submit-your-paper>. Kindly indicate clearly that the submission is for the Special Issue. For further information, please contact Hippolyte Fofack (hfofack@Afreximbank.com) or Andrew Mold (mold@un.org).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Manuscripts due by **1st August 2020**
- Notification to authors **1st September 2020**
- Final versions due by **1st October 2020**