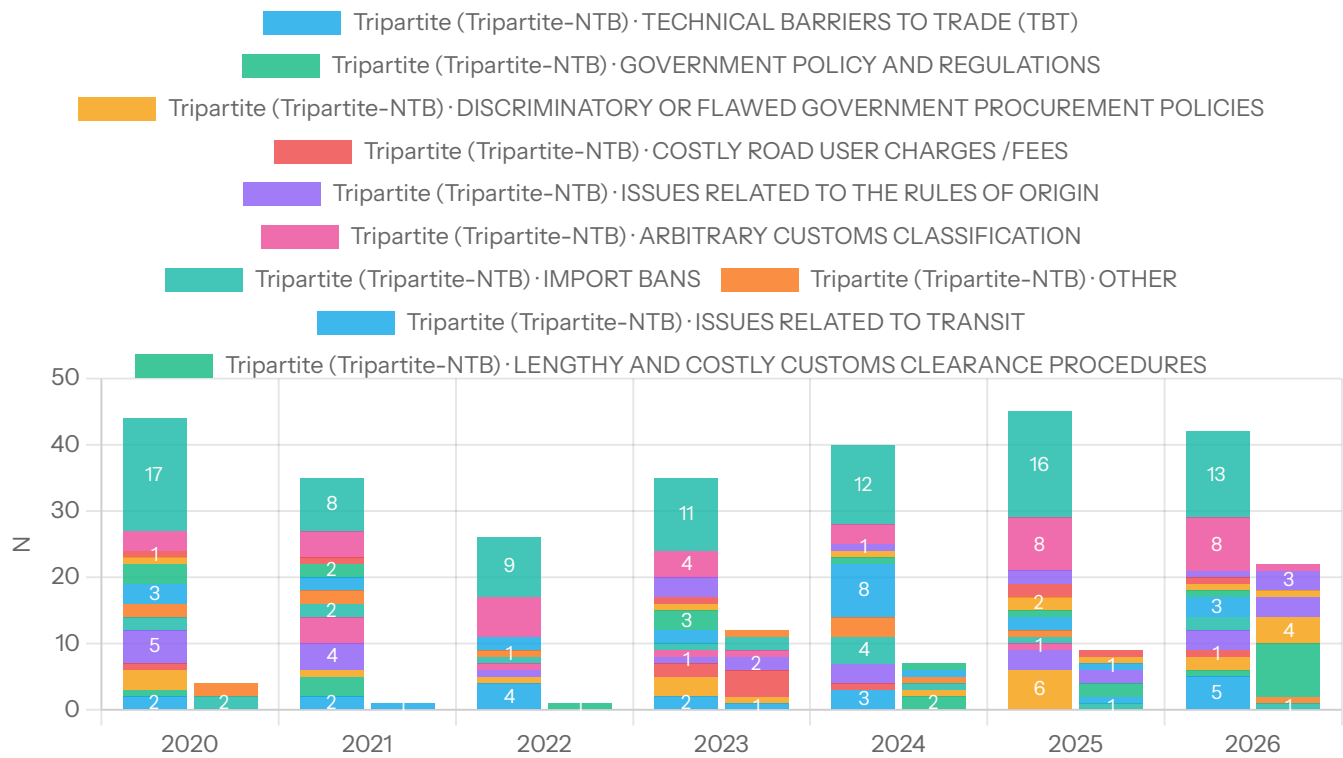


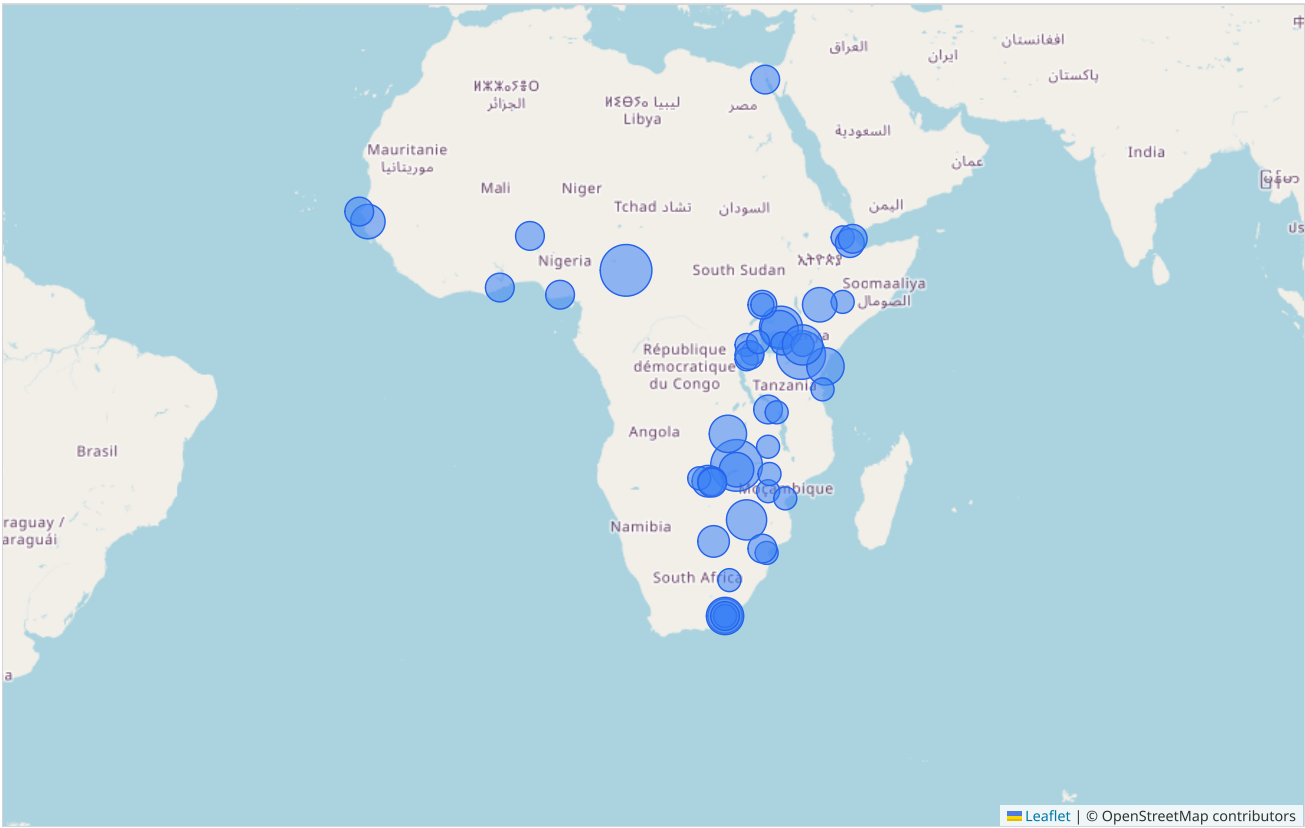
NTBs in Africa based on types

AfCFTA Non-tariff barriers (NTB), Tripartite Non-tariff barriers (NTB) · saved 2026-09-24



Map

Each series sits on the map by its own dimension — points at its codes' locations, or their shapes — shaded by value or in the series' colour.



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What Was Asked

This chart was built to analyze and compare the specific types of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) reported across Africa from 2020 to 2026. The goal was to identify which categories of barriers are the most persistent, track their trends over time, and evaluate the volume of complaints registered under the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite framework versus the AfCFTA continental mechanism.

What the Chart Shows

The data reveals that the Tripartite framework is the primary vehicle for reporting NTBs, while the AfCFTA continental mechanism has extremely limited representation in these categories, only registering a count of 1 for "Rules of Origin" in 2020, 2025, and 2026.

Within the Tripartite framework, the following trends and outliers stand out:

- **Additional Taxes and Other Charges:** This is the most persistent and overall largest category of complaints, totaling 32 reports over the period. It grew steadily from 3 counts in 2020 to 5 in 2022, peaked at 7 in 2025, and remains high at 6 in 2026.
- **Issues Related to Transit:** This category experienced a major outlier spike in 2024, jumping to 8 counts before returning to its baseline of 2 in 2025 and 3 in 2026.
- **Issues Related to the Rules of Origin:** Reports started high at 5 counts in 2020, hit a low of 1 in both 2022 and 2023, and have since stabilized at a consistent 3 counts annually from 2024 through 2026.

- **Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT):** These barriers remain a constant hurdle, peaking at 4 counts in both 2022 and 2026.
 - **Government Policy and Customs Procedures:** Categories like "Government Policy and Regulations" and "Arbitrary Customs Classification" have seen sporadic reporting, frequently dropping to null values in intermediate years (such as 2022–2025 for government policy).
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Source: AfriStatsXchange · <https://asx.octoplus.co.za/analysis/chart/9bc2fc16-0576-47e5-83c8-25b62d3ab6b3>