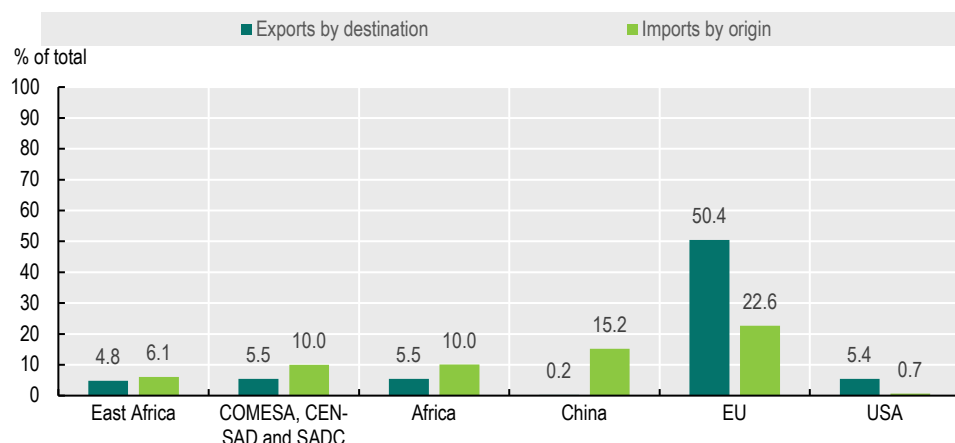


# COMOROS



## Regional trade

### Origin and destination for Comoros's trade, 2019 (% of total)



Sources: Author's calculations based on BACI International Trade Database at the Product-Level from CEPII (updated February 19, 2021).

Developing regional value chains will depend on the degree of trade integration between nearby countries. In Comoros, 10% of imports and 5.5% of exports were intra-continental. This was lower than the world average of 55.9% for imports and lower than the world average of 56.8% for exports. Of Comoros's intra-African trade, 99.5% of imports and 100% of exports were within the regional economic communities of COMESA, CEN-SAD and SADC. Of the world's three largest traders, Comoros's biggest trade partner was the EU.

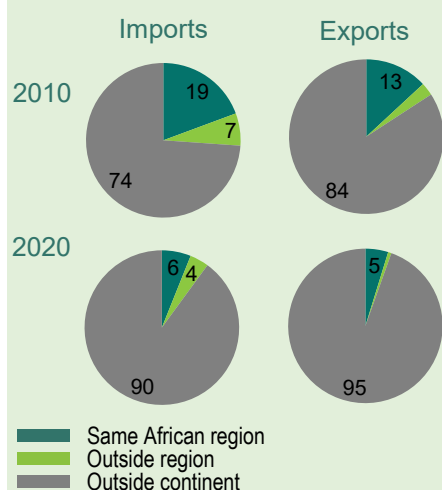
## What is GVC participation?

**Global value chain (GVC)** participation or integration is a measure of the proportion of the total value of a country's exports that is generated by global value chains. Total GVC participation is the sum of backward and forward participation. Higher income countries tend to have higher GVC participation due to higher levels of integration in the global economy.

**Backward participation** is the amount of a country's export value that comes from imported intermediate products. Higher income countries tend to have higher rates of backward participation as they tend to have a greater capacity to transform raw materials and input goods.

**Forward participation** is the amount of a country's export value that is added by national production and that is embedded in another country's exports. Countries, typically resource-rich and lower income countries, that are more focussed on exporting raw materials than manufacturing, tend to have more forward than backward participation.

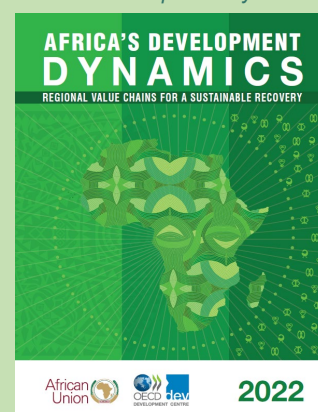
### Origin and destination of imports and exports (% of total)



### Key numbers for Comoros

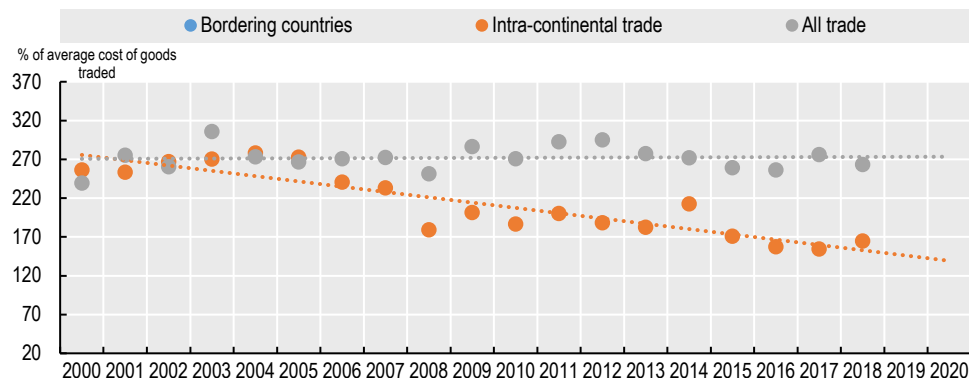
Growth per capita/yr, 2022-27	2.0%
Vulnerable employment, 2021	57.8%
Poverty rate (under USD 6.85/day)	64.6%
Imports as % of GDP, 2020	28.9%
Exports as % of GDP, 2020	7.6%

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## Cost of trade

### Average cost of trading manufactured goods, by type of trade partner, 2000-20

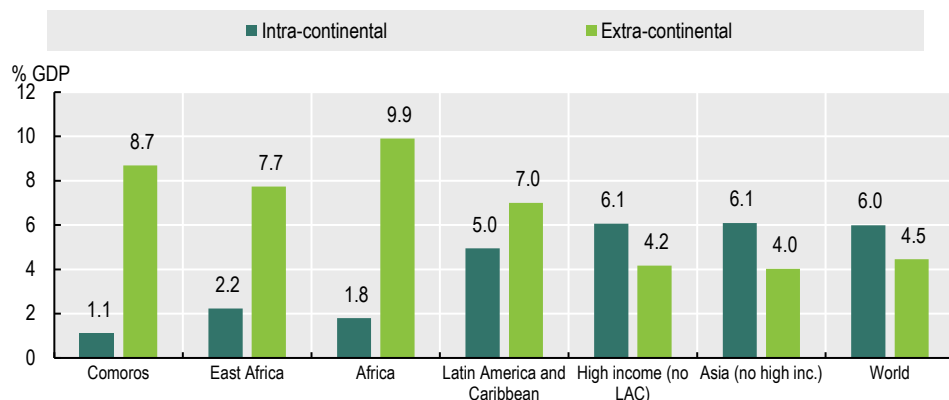


Source: Authors' calculations based on UN ESCAP/World Bank (2021), ESCAP World Bank Trade Cost Database, [www.unescap.org/resources/escap-world-bank-trade-cost-database](http://www.unescap.org/resources/escap-world-bank-trade-cost-database).

Reducing trade costs is a key element of efforts to encourage trade integration and value chain development. The estimated cost of trading manufactured goods for Comoros has been nearly constant since 2000. In the most recent estimate, in 2018, the cost of trading manufactured goods for Comoros was, on average, 263.4% of the cost of the underlying good traded. The cost of intra-continental trade in manufactured goods was 37.4% less expensive than the overall average.

## Trade in intermediate goods

### Intra continental trade in intermediate goods, by group of countries, 2020



Source: Authors' calculations based on data from the International Trade Database at the Product Level (BACI) developed by the Centre d'Études Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII, 2020).

Comoros's trade in intermediate goods, which is the core component of international value chains, was on average 9.8% of GDP in 2020. This ratio was lower than the average of 10% for countries in East Africa, which is lower than the average of 11.7% for countries in Africa and lower than the global average of 10.5%. Comoros's intra-continental trade in intermediate goods was 11.1% of their total trade in intermediate goods, which was lower than the figure of 22.3% for East Africa, lower than the ratio of 15.3% for Africa and lower than the global ratio of 57.4%.



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