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One of the major benefits for the Tripartite FTA is establishment of a larger market.<sup>524</sup> However in order for the market to operate effectively there is need for Africa to diversify and specialise.<sup>525</sup> African countries production profiles are similar, intra-African trade facilitation would be best achieved if the product they produce are the same. There is need to encourage the production of non-traditional export commodities with comparative advantage in regional and global markets.

For trade facilitation mechanisms to be implemented effectively there is need for Tripartite member states to provide adequate and efficient transport infrastructure and services.<sup>526</sup> Maintenance should be done on existing transport infrastructure and governments should priorities new road and railway construction in their national fiscals.

Capital is required in building one stop border posts (OSBP)<sup>527</sup> that facilitate trade by speeding up customs and border crossing procedures. Efforts should therefore be made on enacting national laws that favour foreign direct investment (FDI)<sup>528</sup>. FDI may generate the capacity that is needed to develop ideas and solutions needed for intra-African trade.

This study serves as a confirmation that the Tripartite FTA may be the formidable force that is needed for increase of intra-African trade. It carries ambitious objective of which implemented may produce the best results that foster economic growth. However the challenges in chapter 3 and 4 bear testimony to the fact that the Tripartite FTA has significant challenges that must be addressed.

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<sup>524</sup> See generally 3.3 Prospective Benefits.

<sup>525</sup> Mensah JA 'Boosting Africa's Intra-African Trade by Enhancing Trade Facilitation' 2014 available at <http://africaupclose.wilsoncenter.org/boosting-africas-intra-african-trade-by-enhancing-trade-facilitation/> (accessed 04 May 2015).

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<sup>527</sup> See Generally 4.4 Trade Facilitation In The Tripartite Free Trade Area

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