



GITFiC AGENDA 2031

Our Vision:

1. To support the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Developing Countries and nations in the Global South in mitigating excessive debt burdens, fostering conditions for sustainable growth and shared prosperity.
2. To provide meaningful assistance in the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), delivering actionable and invaluable results aimed at alleviating poverty throughout the African continent.

Our Mission Statement:

1. To promote sustainable economic transformation through strategic reductions in global debt and capacity building, enhancing trade integration, ensuring financial stability, and bolstering economic resilience in Africa and the Global South.

Our Strategic Objectives:

- To foster deeper engagement with international creditors, member states, and global financial institutions, advocating for the development of sustainable debt relief policies while maintaining a steadfast approach to managing rising debt.
- To enhance the implementation of the AfCFTA by supporting research initiatives, offering practical policy recommendations, and establishing comprehensive implementation support mechanisms, including the GITFiC AfCFTA Curriculum and Club.
- To cultivate global economic cooperation and enhance financial literacy through our high-level summits, stakeholder dialogues, and collaborative academic partnerships.
- To develop innovative frameworks for trade and financial solutions that address the challenges of sovereign debt sustainability and trade financing for member states and the Global South.

Our Core Focus Areas:

Global Debt Initiative (GDI):

- To engage collaboratively with creditors, policymakers, and financial institutions in the quest for innovative and sustainable debt management and restructuring solutions.
- To enhance our high-level dialogues and roundtables that address the complexities of sovereign debt, focusing on management strategies, sustainability, and economic recovery pathways.
- To alleviate our comprehensive research and publish insightful policy papers on global debt trends, financial risk management, and economic sustainability.
- To increase our advocacy for a balanced approach to debt relief that ensures equitable treatment of debtor nations while safeguarding the financial stability of creditors.
- To upscale our constructive communication between debtor nations and creditors, promoting debt forgiveness accompanied by actionable management and sustainability plans.

GITFiC AfCFTA Curriculum & Trade Facilitation:

- To implement well-structured training programs that enhance stakeholders' understanding of the objectives and benefits of the AfCFTA.
- To increase our engagement in research on trade policies, barriers, and opportunities, providing evidence-based recommendations for policymakers.
- To empower small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), women, and youth entrepreneurs to leverage the opportunities presented by the AfCFTA through tailored business development initiatives aimed at fostering continental and global economic growth, as well as shared prosperity.
- To successfully implement the GITFiC AfCFTA Curriculum and increase our established Student Clubs in at least 100 tertiary institutions across all 55 member states in Africa.

Economic Research & Advocacy:

- To streamline our annual publication on the GITFiC Economic Report which provides a thorough analysis of trade dynamics, debt management, sustainability, and global financial trends.
- To upscale our collaborations with universities and research institutions to foster academic excellence in trade and economic policy, thereby enhancing inter-African trade and the successful implementation of the AfCFTA.

- To amplify the hosting of our international conferences and policy forums to facilitate constructive dialogue on global economic challenges and collaboratively explore viable solutions.
- To Establish an online knowledge hub to share valuable research, reports, and policy insights with a diverse range of global stakeholders.

Implementation Roadmap (2025-2031):

Phase 1 (2025-2026) – Strategic Planning & Stakeholder Mobilization

- Forge strategic alliances with both domestic and international financial institutions, as well as trade organizations.
- Conduct comprehensive assessments of global debt challenges while identifying potential gaps in the implementation of the AfCFTA.
- Launch the GITFiC AfCFTA Curriculum and initiate targeted training programs for academics to foster collaboration and successful implementation across board.
- Magnify our inaugural stakeholder engagement forums focused on critical issues such as debt restructuring and trade facilitation.

Phase 2 (2027-2028) – Policy Implementation & Institutional Strengthening

- Initiate pilot debt restructuring models in partnership with selected nations and creditors to enhance collaborative efforts.
- Broaden trade education initiatives and integrate digital learning platforms for enhanced accessibility.
- Intensify the publishing of GITFiCs Economic Reports to analyze progress and identify emerging challenges while contributing to informed decision-making.
- Elevate policy dialogues and advocacy efforts to maximize the impact of trade and financial reforms.

Phase 3 (2029-2030) – Global Scaling & Institutionalization

- Institutionalize GITFiC's role as a respected global authority on trade and economic research.
- Strengthen partnerships with bilateral, multilateral and quadrilateral organizations to advocate for the adoption of effective policies within the GDI and AfCFTA.

- Establish regional and subregional offices to expand GITFiC's visibility and influence in global economic affairs.
- Conduct a final assessment of GITFiC's Agenda 2031, publishing insights on key accomplishments and practical actions to inform strategies beyond 2031.

Phase 4: GITFiC Agenda 2031 – Sustaining Economic Gains & Global Economic Leadership

Monitoring & Evaluation Framework:

- **Performance Metrics:** Monitor policy adoption rates, levels of stakeholder engagement, and the impact of debt relief, trade, and economic programs.
- **Annual Reviews:** Conduct assessments to refine strategies and address new challenges as they arise.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** Engage collaboratively with Governments, Agencies, Global and Continental Bodies, the Private Sector, and Academic Institutions to ensure inclusive and effective policy recommendations.
- **Impact Reports:** Publish biannual reports to document progress and guide future economic reforms based on collective insights.

Expected Outcomes:

- Strengthened global partnerships geared towards sustainable debt relief and enhanced economic resilience.
- Heightened trade capacity and policy alignment under the AfCFTA, with the goal of expanding the GITFiC-AfCFTA Tertiary Curriculum to at least 100 universities across the continent.
- A more informed and engaged economic policy community contributing to sustainable development on both a continental and global scale.

Conclusion: The GITFiC Agenda 2031 represents a significant opportunity to shape the future of global trade and finance. By fostering collaboration, innovation, and policy-driven advocacy, GITFiC aims to continue influencing economic transformation, ensuring a prosperous and sustainable financial future for all stakeholders. Our overarching goal is to sustain manageable debt levels, advance shared prosperity, and effectively implement the AfCFTA curriculum and clubs in tertiary institutions throughout Africa and beyond.

Phase 1: Strategic Planning & Stakeholder Mobilization (2025-2026)

Phase 1 of the GITFiC Agenda 2031 serves as an essential foundational stage designed to lay the groundwork for the effective implementation of the **Global Debt Initiative** and support programs for the **AfCFTA**. This phase emphasizes the importance of building strong partnerships, engaging key stakeholders, and establishing policy frameworks that will contribute to long-term success.

Building on the momentum established by the inaugural global dialogues on the Global Debt Initiative, held in Accra in 2024, with participation from both the United Nations and the African Development Bank, we are eager to strengthen collaboration among the UN, AfDB, governments, financial institutions, creditors, and experts. **In 2025**, we are honored to convene the second meeting on the Global Debt Initiative under the theme: **"Spurring GITFiC's Global Debt Initiative; Consolidating Member States' Gains for Synergistic Impacts."**

During this pivotal phase, we aim to:

- Strengthen institutional partnerships with organizations such as the AU, UN, IMF, World Bank, and AfDB, along with other key stakeholders, including national, regional, bilateral, multilateral, and quadrilateral creditors and debtor nations.
- Augment our high-level summits, stakeholder dialogues, and policy roundtables to address the debt challenges facing **Africa** and the **Global South**, acknowledging their complex impacts on economies while presenting credible alternatives.
- Conduct thorough policy research and advocacy to promote sustainable debt solutions and necessary trade reforms.
- Enhance capacity-building programs through training, workshops, and advanced digital learning platforms.
- Achieve meaningful progress with our AfCFTA Tertiary Curriculum and AfCFTA Tertiary Students' Club, expanding national, regional, and continental outreach through ongoing high-level engagements.

We plan to inflate our efforts through conferences, training sessions, and the distribution of our AfCFTA book entitled "**Actualising the African Economic Vision: A Practical Handbook on the AfCFTA.**" By the conclusion of 2026, we aim to build a robust institutional and policy framework that will support the subsequent phases of the **GITFiC Agenda 2031**, ultimately fostering economic integration and financial resilience across Africa.

2025-2026 AGENDA

Strategic Focus	Key Actions	Stakeholders Involved	Timeline	Expected Outcome
Institutional Strengthening & Partnership Development	<p>Enhance partnerships with UN, AfDB, AU, IMF, World Bank, WAMI, EBID, RECs.</p> <p>Collaborate with national economic trade ministries, central banks, private sector.</p> <p>Engage academia, experts, think tanks, and research bodies.</p>	AU, UN Agencies, IMF, World Bank, AfDB EBID, Governments, Private Sectors	2025-2026	Strong institutional collaboration and support for GITFiC initiatives for impacts.
Stakeholder Engagement & Awareness Campaigns	<p>Organize summits, and roundtables with governments, creditors, and economic and trade experts.</p> <p>Conduct stakeholder mapping for AfCFTA & Global debt initiative.</p> <p>Host the 2025 Global Debt Initiative under the theme: <i>'Spurring GITFiC's Global Debt Initiative; Consolidating Member States' Gains for Synergistic Impacts.'</i></p>	Governments, Creditors, Economic and Trade Experts, Media, NGOs	2025-2026	Increased awareness, sensitization, and engagement with key stakeholders.
Policy Development & Research Initiatives	<p>Publish white papers, and policy briefs on actionable, practical, and sustainable debt restructuring and trade facilitation.</p> <p>Launch annual GITFiC Trade & Debt Report.</p> <p>Establish working groups for tracking AfCFTA and debt relief progress.</p> <p><i>Develop a framework and Template for global debt negotiations.</i></p>	Policy Experts, Research Institutions, Economic and Financial Bodies including AfDB and EBID	2025-2026	Informed policy-making and enhanced advocacy efforts.
Capacity Building & Training Programs	<p>Expand GITFiC- AfCFTA Curriculum and Club in 50 tertiary institutions in Africa.</p> <p>Enhance capacity building for policymakers, government, and private sector leaders.</p> <p>Conduct technical training on economic and trade regulations, and financial management.</p>	Government Agencies, Universities, Training Institutions, SMEs, Policy Leaders	2025-2026	Enhanced knowledge and skill-building in economic, trade and finance.

	Offer specialized training on debt sustainability strategies aligned with the 2025 Global Debt Initiative.			
Policy Advocacy & Institutional Influence	<p>Advocate for inclusive debt negotiation models for drastic debt relief.</p> <p>Provide expert recommendations and actionable strategic alternative plans to governments and creditors.</p> <p>Establish a policy advisory council with economic experts.</p> <p><i>Engage creditors and international lending institutions to ensure fair and equitable debt relief strategies as part of the 2025 Global Debt Initiative (2nd Meeting).</i></p>	African Governments, Creditors, Think Tanks, Economic and Trade Associations	2025-2026	Strengthened influence on economic, trade and debt policies.

Phase 2: Policy Implementation and Institutional Strengthening (2027-2028)

In this phase, we aim to translate the strategic frameworks established in Phase 1 into practical policies, while concurrently enhancing institutional capacities for sustainable economic integration and resilience. We will engage in close collaboration with governments, financial institutions, and trade organizations to ensure the successful implementation of effective **debt management** and **sustainability** measures, as well as the initiatives associated with the African Continental Free Trade Area (**AfCFTA**).

2027-2026 AGE8DA

Strategic Focus	Key Actions	Stakeholders Involved	Timeline	Expected Outcome
Debt Restructuring & Sustainability Mechanisms	<p>Complete negotiations on behalf of debtor nations for shared prosperity.</p> <p>Complete the Development of debt management and sustainability frameworks tailored for African and Global South Economies.</p> <p>Complete Collaboration process with global Economic institutions, Financial, and</p>	UN, AU, IMF, World Bank, African Development Bank, EBID, Regional Development Banks, Governments, Creditors	2027-2028	<p>Sustainable and inclusive debt relief strategies.</p> <p>Debt Free. Zero tolerance for debt as an economic weapon against</p>

	Economic institutions on sustainable debt solutions.	and Debtor Nations		debtor nations.
Institutional Strengthening & Capacity Building	Provide technical assistance to economic, and financial regulators and policymakers. Strengthen the role of regional economic communities (RECs) through Advocating and actionable policy recommendations.	AU, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Central Banks, Trade Associations, Universities	2027-2028	Strengthened institutions for economic governance for total debt relief and economic prosperity.
Global Financial Advocacy & Economic Diplomacy	Advocate for Africa's fair representation in global financial decision-making and Global Financial Architecture. Engage international creditors for fairer lending practices. Strengthen Africa's voice in the G20 and IMF on debt sustainability.	UN, AU, G7, G20, IMF, World Bank, AfDB, EBID, Creditors, Global Trade, Economic & Finance Bodies	2027-2028	Greater global influence and fairer financial negotiations. Equity in shares and re-engineering of the Global Financial Architecture.
Expansion of GITFiC AfCFTA Tertiary Students' Club and Curriculum Adoption Across Africa	Enhance GITFiC AfCFTA Clubs in 70 universities and trade institutions across Africa. Develop a structured framework for collaboration between AfCFTA Clubs and Economic, Finance, and Trade ministries. Enhance continent-wide conferences and workshops for student and young economic and trade leaders, creating opportunities for new young entrepreneurs for an enhanced intra-African Trade.	Universities, Trade and Economic Institutions, National Economic, Finance and Trade Ministries, Young Entrepreneurs	2027-2028	Wider engagement of young professionals in AfCFTA implementation on Sustained Sensitization and Education

Phase 3: Economic Integration & Global Debt Sustainability (2029-2030)

Phase 3 of the GITFiC Agenda 2031 represents a significant transition from policy implementation to tangible economic transformation, with a primary emphasis on fostering global debt sustainability and economic integration.

By this stage, the groundwork established in Phases 1 and 2 will empower African economies to achieve debt relief, develop sustainable financial policies, and enhance their participation in trade under the AfCFTA framework.

The principal objective of Phase 3 is to ensure that at least 80% of targeted debt-challenged African nations reach a status of debt sustainability through well-structured debt relief programs, comprehensive restructuring frameworks, and proactive engagement with creditors.

GITFiC is committed to leveraging its influence to negotiate equitable debt agreements, advocate for fairer financial policies, and support the pursuit of long-term economic stability. Moreover, this phase will prioritize infrastructure development and financial integration, thereby strengthening Africa's role in the global economy. Through the enhancement of trade finance mechanisms, the expansion of the GITFiC AfCFTA Club, the implementation of impactful educational curricula, and the advocacy for increased African representation in global financial governance, GITFiC endeavors to position Africa as a key player in shaping global economic policies and securing sustainable growth opportunities.

Key Objectives of Phase 3 (2029-2030):

Achieve 80% Debt-Free Status for Targeted Debt-Ridden African Nations and the Global South:

Implement effective debt restructuring frameworks and provide advisory support to governments for the management of sustainable debt.

Strengthen Debt Restructuring & Sustainable Finance Policies:

Enhance credit rating mechanisms, facilitate debt-for-development swaps, and promote comprehensive long-term financial planning.

Engage Creditors & Advocate for Fair Debt Policies:

Foster collaborative relationships with the IMF, World Bank, G7, G20, and various creditors (including Private, Paris Club, Bilateral, Multilateral, and Quadrilateral) to secure just debt agreements, pursue debt cancellation/reduction, minimize interest burdens, and promote concessional financing.

Expand the GITFiC AfCFTA Club Network and Curriculum Implementation:

Extend efforts to include all 55 AU member states, host annual AfCFTA Tertiary Youth Summits through our established frameworks, and offer mentorship opportunities for future leaders in economic and trade sectors.

Enhance Africa's Role in Global Financial Governance:

Advocate for a permanent African seat on the boards of the IMF and World Bank, strengthen Africa's visibility in global negotiations, and promote policies designed to reduce external financial dependency.

By the conclusion of Phase 3, GITFiC aspires to have made a substantial contribution to reshaping Africa's financial landscape, ensuring the implementation of sustainable debt policies, improving access to vital financial resources, and fostering an inclusive and resilient economic and trade environment under the AfCFTA, with a steadfast commitment to debt cancellation, effective debt management, debt sustainability, and enhanced integration for shared prosperity.

2029-2030 AGENDA

Strategic Focus	Key Actions	Stakeholders Involved	Timeline	Expected Outcome
Achieving 80% Debt-Free African Economies	Implement structured debt relief programs targeting 80% of African nations and the Global South. Develop national debt sustainability frameworks aligned with global best practices. Provide advisory support to governments on debt restructuring options.	UN, IMF, World Bank, AU, AfDB, EBID, National Governments, Regional Development Financial Institutions, Creditors (Private and Governments)	2029-2030	80% of targeted African countries and the Global South achieving debt sustainability.
Debt Restructuring & Sustainable Finance	Strengthen Africa's credit rating mechanisms to enhance financial credibility in collaboration with AU's Financial Institutions. Facilitate debt-for-development swaps to channel funds into sustainable economic projects. Promote long-term financial planning for economic stability.	Credit Rating Agencies, African Development Bank, EBID, National Finance Ministries	2029-2030	Strengthened debt management policies ensuring long-term economic resilience.
Global Creditor Engagement	Engage major creditors (IMF, World Bank, G20 nations, Paris Club, and other Private	G7, G20, IMF, World Bank, Major Bilateral,	2029-2030	Fairer debt agreements reduce Africa's and

& Policy Advocacy	Lenders) on fair debt restructuring. Advocate for concessional financing and reduced debt servicing costs. Organize high-level summits to negotiate favorable debt agreements.	Multilateral, Quadrilateral Creditors, Private Lenders, AU, Finance Experts		the Global South's financial burden.
Scaling Up the GITFiC AfCFTA Club Network and Curriculum Implementation	Enhance GITFiC AfCFTA Clubs and Curriculum implementation across all 55 AU member states. At least 100 tertiary institutions. Enhance annual AfCFTA Tertiary Youth Summits to educate, sensitize, and empower young trade professionals and entrepreneurs. Partner with global institutions to offer scholarships in trade and finance.	Universities, AfCFTA Secretariat, Trade Institutions, Young Entrepreneurs	2029-2030	Youth-driven engagement in AfCFTA and trade policy implementation.
Africa's Role in Global Financial Governance	Push for Africa's permanent seat on IMF and World Bank decision-making boards. Strengthen Africa's representation in global financial negotiations and new architecture. Advocate for policies that reduce external financial dependency.	UN, AU, G20, IMF, African Union Financial Institutions, Regional Banks including AfDB, EBID	2029-2030	Africa playing a decisive role in global financial governance.

Phase 4: GITFiC Agenda 2031 – Sustaining Economic Gains and Global Financial Leadership

As we look ahead to 2031, GITFiC is committed to building upon the achievements of previous phases and promoting long-term economic sustainability throughout Africa. This phase will signify a cognizant effort to realize comprehensive debt freedom for African economies and the Global South, while also reinforcing Africa's integral role in global financial governance and ensuring the successful integration of AfCFTA-driven trade systems.

GITFiC strives to foster resilient, self-sustaining, and globally competitive financial and trade ecosystems within Africa. Through this initiative, we aim to reduce reliance on

external financial structures, thereby enhancing intra-African trade and investment for a more prosperous future.

2031 AGENDA

Strategic Focus	Key Actions	Stakeholders Involved	Timeline	Expected Outcome
Achieving Full Debt Sustainability for Africa and the Global South	Ensure at least 90% of targeted African Debt-ridden countries achieve full debt relief. Strengthen national debt management systems to prevent future crises. Establish an African Debt Sustainability Fund to support struggling economies.	IMF, World Bank, AU, UN, Regional Banks, AfDB, EBID, Economic and Finance Ministries	2031	A debt-free Africa and the Global South with self-sustaining financial systems.
Finalizing Africa's Permanent Role in Global Financial Architecture	Secure permanent African seats on IMF, World Bank, and financial boards. Advocate for fairer global financial policies that support African and the Global South economies. Strengthen Africa's influence in international trade agreements and financial negotiations.	UN, AU, G20, IMF, World Bank, AfDB, EBID, Policy Experts	2031	Africa and the Global South as a major player in global financial decision-making.
Institutionalizing GITFiC AfCFTA Clubs and Curriculum Across Africa	Ensure the GITFiC AfCFTA Club Network is present in every African country and studied in at least 100 tertiary institutions. Provide ongoing mentorship and training for young trade professionals and entrepreneurs	Universities, Trade and Economic Institutions, AfCFTA Secretariat, Young Entrepreneurs	2031	A fully established youth-driven trade and business leadership network.

By 2031, GITFiC aspires to see an Africa that is financially sovereign, globally influential, and seamlessly integrated within the AfCFTA framework. With economies that are not encumbered by debt, empowered trade ecosystems, and robust financial governance in place, GITFiC intends to positively influence Africa's economic trajectory for years to come. This ambitious vision will be pursued in collaboration with esteemed partners such as the United Nations, the African Union, the African Development Bank, ECOWAS Bank, IMF, World Bank, notable Credit Rating Institutions, national governments, debtor nations, creditors, and numerous other stakeholders. **End.**