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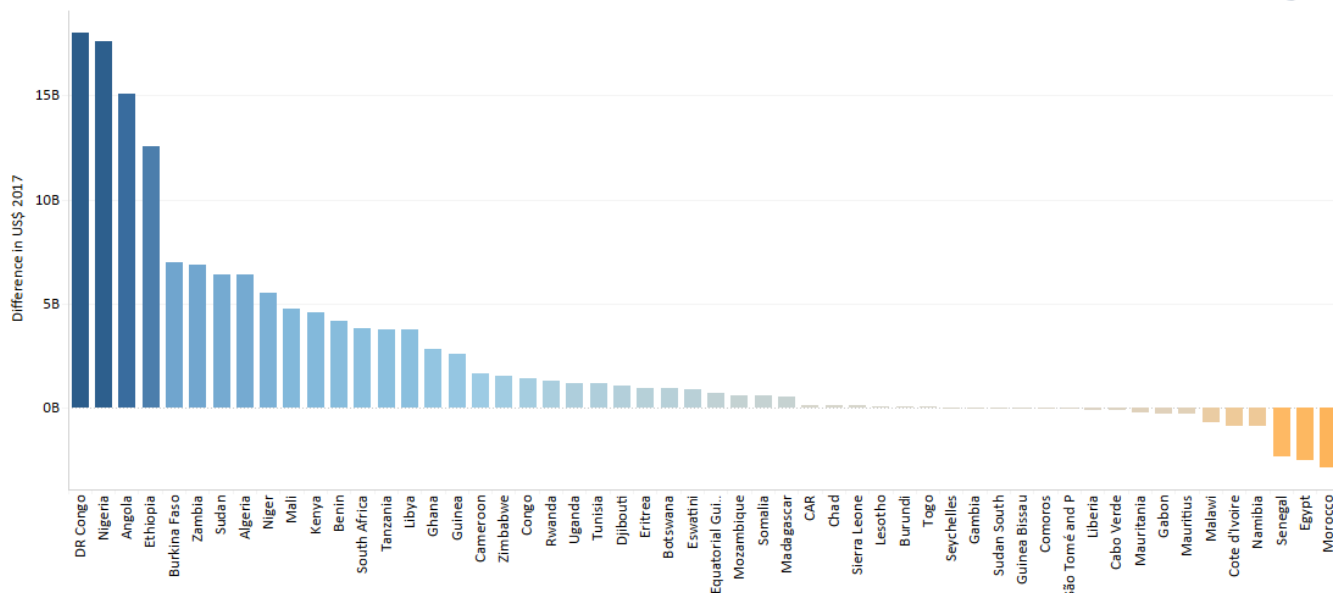
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The gains in the manufacturing sector in the AfCFTA scenario relative to the Current Path forecast in 2043 are presented in Chart 19, the chart allows the user to toggle the value-add gains for each of the six sectors within IFs forecasting platform.

Chart 19: Sector gains in AfCFTA scenario relative to Current Path, 2043

Toggle between sectors



Source: IFs 8.13 initialising from UNPD World Population Prospects medium variant life expectancy and WDI data

DR Congo and Nigeria would have the largest increase in the size of their manufacturing sectors relative to the Current Path in 2043. DR Congo's manufacturing sector would increase by US\$18 billion (or 30.5%) relative to the Current Path. In contrast, Nigeria's would increase by US\$17.6 billion (or 9.2%). A number of countries would witness a decrease in the manufacturing value added relative to the Current Path forecast, namely Morocco, Egypt, Senegal, Namibia, Cote D'Ivoire, Malawi, Mauritius, Gabon, Mauritania, Cabo Verde, Liberia, Comoros, and Sao Tome and Principe.

In the agriculture sector, Ethiopia is projected to have the largest increase in size, followed by DR Congo, Sudan, Nigeria and Niger. Ethiopia's agriculture sector would increase by US\$4.7 billion relative to the Current Path forecast in 2043. For DR Congo, Sudan and Nigeria, it would increase by US\$3.7 billion, US\$3.5 billion and US\$2.4 billion, respectively, relative to the Current Path forecast. At the low end would be Uganda and Cabo Verde with US\$348 million and US\$6 million (respectively) decrease in the size of their agriculture sector value.

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