**Why in news?**

Recently, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) for goods and services was signed by the 27 members of the African Union (AU), ahead of the signature of the Agreement on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) by 15 African countries. The AfCFTA will be the world's largest free trade area, with a population of about 1.2 billion people and a combined GDP of $2.5 trillion. It is expected to be in force by July 2020.

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**Strategic Significance**

It may lead to a 25% boost in intra-African trade. By 2025, Africa is expected to see a 33% rise in Africa's exports. It is expected to lead to a 26% increase in Africa's exports. It is expected to lead to a 26% increase in Africa's GDP. It is expected to lead to a 26% increase in Africa's GDP.

**Hurdles with AfCFTA**

Lack of infrastructure, administrative barriers, and logistical connectivity are some of the major challenges facing the implementation of the AfCFTA.

**Impact on India**

India's third-largest trading partner, India is expected to benefit from the AfCFTA, with potential exports of $79 billion in a Hub of our global economy.

After the African economies become more diversified, the impact of the AfCFTA on India's exports is expected to be significant.