

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023*

**Statement on Reauthorization of the African Growth and Opportunity Act**  
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I strongly support reauthorization of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, a landmark, bipartisan law that has formed a bedrock for U.S. trade with sub-Saharan Africa for more than two decades. I encourage Congress to reauthorize AGOA in a timely fashion and to modernize this important act for the economic opportunities of the coming decade.

AGOA is facilitating private sector-led economic growth across sub-Saharan Africa by increasing the competitiveness of African products, diversifying African exports, and enabling the creation of tens of thousands of new, quality jobs in Africa. The benefits are felt on both sides of the Atlantic: AGOA fosters a more competitive environment for U.S. businesses operating in sub-Saharan Africa.

I am committed to expeditiously working with Congress and our African partners to renew this law beyond 2025, in order to deepen trade relations between our countries, advance regional integration, and realize Africa's immense economic potential for our mutual benefit. In so many ways, Africa is the future, and so when Africa succeeds, the whole world succeeds.

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