



Comparative Governance in African Regional Economic Blocs: Insights from Ghana's Experience

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Abstract

Comparative governance in African regional economic blocs has gained attention due to the continent's increasing integration efforts. Ghana's experience within West Africa Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) provides a unique case study for understanding the dynamics of such blocs. The study employs a comparative analysis approach, drawing from existing literature and secondary data sources related to WAEMU's governance structures and policies. A thematic review of relevant documents and interviews with key stakeholders provide insights into the bloc's functioning. A notable finding is that while WAEMU has successfully managed trade liberalization, it faces challenges in harmonizing fiscal policies across member states, leading to uneven economic development outcomes. The analysis reveals that effective governance in regional blocs requires not only a focus on economic integration but also robust mechanisms for addressing intra-bloc disparities and fostering equitable growth. Future research should explore these dynamics further. Recommendations include the need for enhanced fiscal policy coordination among WAEMU member states, greater transparency in public expenditure, and increased investment in regional infrastructure to support balanced development. African Regional Economic Blocs, Governance Structures, WAEMU, Ghanaian Experience

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