



Transformation in Post-Conflict African States: Navigating Challenges and Opportunities

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Abstract

Post-conflict African states face diverse economic challenges and opportunities in their recovery processes. South Africa's transition from conflict has provided a case study for analysing these dynamics. The analysis integrates qualitative insights with an empirical examination of business practices and regulatory frameworks in South Africa's post-conflict landscape. A significant proportion (65%) of surveyed firms reported difficulties in accessing financing, highlighting the critical role of financial sector reforms as a key area for policy intervention. Businesses in post-conflict South Africa face substantial hurdles but also numerous opportunities. Policy recommendations focus on enhancing access to finance and improving regulatory clarity. Policy makers should prioritise initiatives aimed at increasing financial accessibility, such as simplifying loan application processes and fostering collaboration between private sector entities and government bodies.

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