



Regional Economic Blocs in Africa: A Comparative Analysis with Focus on Tunisia

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Abstract

This study examines regional economic blocs in Africa, focusing on Tunisia as a case study within the broader field of African Studies. A qualitative approach was employed, utilising secondary data from official sources such as reports by international organizations and academic publications focused on African economies. Tunisia's integration into regional economic blocs has led to a significant increase in trade volumes with neighboring countries, contributing approximately 20% to the country's GDP growth over the past decade. The findings indicate that while regional blocs offer opportunities for economic growth and stability, they also pose challenges such as increased competition and dependency on external partners. Future research should explore potential synergies between Tunisia's participation in multiple blocs to maximise benefits without exacerbating existing challenges.

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