



The AfCFTA's Influence on Southern Africa's Regional Supply Chains: A Meta-Analysis

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Abstract

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) aims to create a single market for goods and services among its member states, facilitating regional supply chains in Southern Africa. A systematic review of existing literature to identify and analyse empirical data related to the economic integration impacts of AfCFTA on supply chain dynamics in Moroccan businesses. Findings indicate that while there is an increasing trend towards intra-regional trade, challenges such as regulatory barriers and infrastructure inadequacies continue to impede full market integration. The analysis suggests that despite initial progress, substantial improvements are needed to fully realise the benefits of AfCFTA on regional supply chains in Morocco. Policy recommendations include strengthening cross-border collaboration, improving logistics infrastructure, and enhancing regulatory harmonization to facilitate smoother trade flows. AfCFTA, Southern Africa, Regional Supply Chains, Meta-Analysis, Morocco

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