



# Regional Economic Blocs in Cameroon: A Comparative Analysis in Africa's Context, 2009

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## Abstract

Regional economic blocs in Cameroon have emerged as a response to integration challenges within Africa's broader context of regional cooperation. The study employs qualitative research methods including interviews with policymakers, academic experts, and stakeholders to explore the dynamics of regional integration within Cameroon. Findings indicate that while the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has seen significant progress in terms of infrastructure development, the Central African Customs Union (CACU) faces challenges related to member state compliance and economic disparities. The study concludes by highlighting the need for a more inclusive approach to regional integration that addresses structural inequalities among member states. Recommendations include fostering greater transparency in governance structures, enhancing capacity building programmes, and promoting equitable resource distribution mechanisms within the blocs. Regional Economic Blocs, Cameroon, ECOWAS, Central African Customs Union

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