



Regional Economic Blocs in Nigeria: An Ethnographic Comparative Study of African Regional Integration Initiatives

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Abstract

The study examines regional economic blocs in Nigeria, focusing on their role in fostering integration within Africa's broader landscape of land and resource management. The research employs qualitative methods including participant observation, semi-structured interviews, and archival research to explore the dynamics and impacts of regional integration initiatives in Nigeria. Findings indicate that the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has seen a significant increase in agricultural investment projects from 50 million € to 70 million in , reflecting its effectiveness in promoting cross-border collaboration and resource management. The study concludes that ECOWAS plays a pivotal role in enhancing economic interdependence and sustainable land use practices across West Africa. Recommendation is for further research into the scalability of these regional blocs to other African countries, particularly regarding their impact on smallholder farmers and environmental conservation efforts. Nigeria, Regional Blocs, ECOWAS, Agricultural Investment, Economic Integration

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