



Regional Economic Blocs in Africa: A Comparative Analysis

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Abstract

Regional economic blocs in Africa have emerged as significant frameworks for fostering regional integration and development. Mauritius, a small island nation with a history of economic diplomacy, has served as a notable case study due to its strategic location and proactive engagement with various blocs. This study employs a qualitative comparative analysis approach, drawing on secondary data from official reports, academic journals, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). The findings indicate that while some blocs have successfully facilitated trade liberalization and reduced tariffs between member states, others struggle with issues such as inadequate infrastructure and bureaucratic inefficiencies. In conclusion, regional economic blocs in Africa present both opportunities for enhanced cooperation and challenges related to implementation and governance. Further research is needed to refine these frameworks and ensure their sustainability. Recommendations include the need for improved coordination among member states within each bloc, increased investment in infrastructure projects, and greater emphasis on capacity building to address existing challenges.

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