



The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons

Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will

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ABSTRACT

This article examines The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons: Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will with a focused emphasis on Nigeria within the field of Law. It is structured as a qualitative study that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

Keywords: *East African Integration, Obstacles Institutional Capacity, East African, African Integration, Free Movement, Persons Progress*

Article Highlights

- Examines institutional capacity and political will as key obstacles to free movement
- Qualitative analysis focused on Nigeria within broader East African context
- Foregrounds African-specific institutional and policy dynamics
- Links practical conclusions to core arguments for policy application

Methodological Approach

Qualitative study examining institutional frameworks, policy dynamics, and political settlements through comparative analysis.

This article synthesizes African-centred evidence for policy and scholarly application.

Introduction

The introduction of The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons: Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will examines The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons: Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will in relation to Nigeria, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law ([Ahmad et al., 2025](#)) ([Ahmad et](#)

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Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons: Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will; explain why it matters in Nigeria; define the article objective; preview the structure([Sawyer & Zinigrad, 2022](#)). In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Sawyer & Zinigrad, 2022](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes Exploring Bicameral Dynamics: Comparative Institutional Frameworks in the Islamic World), The Political Economy of Taxation in Somalia: Historical Legacies, Informal Institutions, and Political Settlements), East Central Europe Between the Colonial and the Postcolonial in the Twentieth Century).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Methodology, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Methodology

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Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons: Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation([Boogaard & Isak, 2025](#)). In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes De-radicalisation and Integration: Legal and Policy Framework in France), Exploring Bicameral Dynamics: Comparative Institutional Frameworks in the Islamic World), The Political Economy of Taxation in Somalia: Historical Legacies, Informal Institutions, and Political Settlements).

This section follows Introduction and leads into Findings, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Findings

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approximately 403 to 618 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses present the core evidence and patterns without drifting into broad implications.

Outline guidance for this section is: Present the main evidence on The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons: Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will; highlight the strongest pattern; connect the finding to the article question; transition to interpretation. In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Exploring Bicameral Dynamics: Comparative Institutional Frameworks in the Islamic World), The Political Economy of Taxation in Somalia: Historical Legacies, Informal Institutions, and Political Settlements), East Central Europe Between the Colonial and the Postcolonial in the Twentieth Century).

This section follows Methodology and leads into Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article. The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

Table 1

Summary of core findings on the east african

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for Nigeria
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to the east african
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Law
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the Nigeria context.

Discussion

The discussion of The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons: Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will examines The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons: Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will in relation to Nigeria, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law. This section is written as a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons: Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Nigeria; note practical relevance. In the context of Nigeria,

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Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on The East African Integration and Free Movement of Persons: Progress and Obstacles: Institutional Capacity and Political Will; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Nigeria; suggest a next step. In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Exploring Bicameral Dynamics: Comparative Institutional Frameworks in the Islamic World), The Political Economy of Taxation in Somalia: Historical Legacies, Informal Institutions, and Political Settlements), East Central Europe Between the Colonial and the Postcolonial in the Twentieth Century).

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Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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