



Comparative Examination of Competition Law Frameworks in East African Community Countries from an African Perspective,

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Abstract

The East African Community (EAC) is a regional economic community comprising six member states: Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, and South Sudan. Competition law within this framework aims to promote fair competition among businesses. A qualitative approach will be used to examine and compare existing competition laws and regulations across the EAC member states, with specific attention to Botswana's legislative landscape. Comparative jurisprudence and legal analysis will inform the evaluation of these frameworks. Botswana's competition law framework shows a notable emphasis on consumer protection measures, indicating a strong focus on safeguarding market integrity through transparent business practices. The comparative study reveals varying degrees of implementation and enforcement among EAC member states, with Botswana demonstrating an effective regulatory environment that prioritizes consumer welfare over other aspects like anti-competitive behaviors or mergers. Given the positive outcomes observed in Botswana's competition law framework, recommendations for enhancing legal frameworks across the region include increasing transparency and public engagement to ensure fair market practices.

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