



Comparative Economic Blocs in Comoros: A Regional Assessment

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Abstract

{ "background": "The Comoros archipelago is a small nation located off the eastern coast of Africa, with limited natural resources and economic diversity. Despite its geographical isolation, the country has engaged in regional economic integration efforts through various blocs such as the African Union (AU) and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC). These blocs aim to enhance economic cooperation among member states, particularly those in continental Africa.", "purposeandobjectives": "This survey research article aims to conduct a comparative analysis of existing regional economic blocs within the Comoros context. The objectives are to identify the current participation of Comoros in these blocs and to assess their impact on the country's economy and development prospects.", "methodology": "The study utilizes a quantitative approach, employing structured questionnaires distributed among key stakeholders including government officials, private sector representatives, and academia. Data was collected through online surveys and interviews conducted between January and March .", "findings": "Comoros has shown significant interest in the IOC, with over 75% of respondents indicating a willingness to participate in economic activities within this bloc. In contrast, participation levels in the AU are lower, with only about 40% of respondents expressing readiness for such integration efforts. These findings highlight varying degrees of interest and engagement across different regional economic platforms.", "conclusion": "The results indicate potential areas for enhanced cooperation between Comoros and its neighboring African states within the IOC framework, given higher levels of interest among stakeholders. However, there is room for improvement in fostering greater participation in broader continental blocs such as the AU.", "recommendations": "Given the findings, it is recommended that policymakers focus on strengthening ties with the IOC to facilitate economic growth and regional stability. Additionally, efforts should be made to increase awareness and understanding of the benefits of participation within the broader AU framework among Comoros' stakeholders.", "key_words": "Comoros, Regional Economic Blocs, African Union, Indian Ocean Commission, Stakeholder Engagement",

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