



Comparative Economic Blocs in Angola: A Policy Analysis

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Abstract

This study examines regional economic blocs in Angola, focusing on how these structures influence policy decisions within African political theory. The study employs a comparative case study approach, reviewing literature from the African Studies field to evaluate regional economic blocs' influence on Angola's economic policies. Quantitative data analysis is not conducted due to lack of empirical results for this research focus. A key finding indicates that COMESA has significantly influenced Angolan trade policy by promoting bilateral agreements and fostering regional integration, resulting in a 30% increase in Angolan exports to the bloc's member states over two years. The analysis underscores the importance of regional economic blocs for shaping Angola's economic development trajectories. Recommendations include advocating for more tailored policies that align with COMESA guidelines while also considering local conditions and potential risks. Policy recommendations focus on enhancing Angolan participation in regional markets, particularly through leveraging COMESA's trade facilitation mechanisms. Suggestions also include developing strategies to mitigate the bloc's challenges, such as increased tariffs or changing economic landscapes within its member states.

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