



Regional Blocs and Economic Integration in Angola: A Comparative Study within Africa's Contemporary Context

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Abstract

{ "background": "Angola's regional economic integration has been influenced by various regional blocs in Africa, including the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). These blocs have varying degrees of influence on Angola's economy, particularly in terms of trade policies, infrastructure development, and resource management.", "purposeandobjectives": "This study aims to provide a comparative analysis of these regional economic blocs' impact on Angola's economic integration within the broader context of Africa. The objectives are to identify similarities and differences among the blocs, assess their effectiveness in promoting economic growth and stability, and evaluate their potential for further enhancing Angola's economic prospects.", "methodology": "The study employs a comparative research approach, analysing existing literature and data from each regional bloc's official documents, reports, and relevant studies. A thematic analysis is conducted to identify common themes and differences across the regions' policies and practices.", "findings": "A key finding is that while all three blocs have implemented measures aimed at reducing trade barriers and promoting intra-regional trade, their approaches vary significantly in terms of sectoral focus and governance structures. For instance, COMESA focuses more on agriculture and tourism, whereas SADC emphasizes infrastructure development and regional security.", "conclusion": "This study contributes to the understanding of Africa's diverse regional economic blocs by highlighting how they interact with national policies and shape Angola's economic landscape. It underscores the importance of tailored strategies for each region in achieving inclusive growth and stability.",

"recommendations": "Given the varied impacts of these blocs, policymakers should consider adopting a flexible approach to integration that leverages strengths while mitigating weaknesses. Additionally, there is a need for more coordinated efforts among regional blocs to address common challenges such as infrastructure deficits and resource exploitation issues.", "key_words": "Regional Blocs, Economic Integration, Angola, Southern African Development Community (SADC), Economic Community of Central African States (E

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