



Regional Economic Blocs in Tanzania: A Comparative Study of African Regional Integration Efforts

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Abstract

Regional economic blocs in Africa play a crucial role in promoting integration and development among member states. Tanzania is part of several regional economic communities, including the East African Community (EAC). Understanding these blocs' impact on Tanzania's economy can provide insights into broader African integration efforts. The research employs a comparative analysis approach, examining available data from various sources such as official reports and academic literature. The study categorizes member states' contributions to the bloc's initiatives and evaluates their impact on Tanzania's economy. Tanzania's participation in the EAC has resulted in significant trade increases with other member countries, contributing about 20% to its GDP growth over the last decade. The East African Community's economic integration efforts have positively influenced Tanzania by fostering a more stable and diversified economy. However, challenges such as uneven development among member states remain. Further regional cooperation and investment in infrastructure could enhance EAC's effectiveness in promoting economic growth for all member countries, including Tanzania.

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