



Regional Economic Blocs in Zimbabwe: A Comparative Study within African Contexts,

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Abstract

This study examines regional economic blocs in Zimbabwe within a broader African context from to . This study employs a qualitative comparative analysis approach, reviewing literature from African studies focusing on economic blocs like SADC (Southern Africa Development Community), COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa), and ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States). A key finding is the significant role played by regional integration in enhancing trade flows within Zimbabwe, with a notable increase in bilateral trade agreements between member states. The study concludes that while regional economic blocs offer opportunities for economic growth and stability in Africa, they face challenges such as uneven development among members and external dependencies on major economies. Recommendations include strengthening intra-regional cooperation, addressing disparities within blocs to ensure equitable benefits, and fostering greater integration with global markets to enhance competitiveness.

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