



Comparative Economic Blocs in African Regional Integration: A Ghanaian Perspective

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Abstract

Recent years have seen a proliferation of regional economic blocs across Africa aimed at fostering integration and development. A qualitative analysis is employed to assess the impact of existing regional economic blocs within Ghanaian context, focusing on their contribution to intra-regional trade and investment flows. Current regional economic blocs need to address governance issues and enhance institutional capabilities to maximise their benefits for member countries. Recommendations include strengthening governance structures within existing blocs, fostering greater collaboration among member states, and exploring new mechanisms to promote sustainable growth in Africa's economies.

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