IMPACT OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION PROCESS ON TRADE FLOWS: THE CASE OF KENYA IN EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC)

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ABSTRACT

Theoretically, the impact of regional integration indicates that the participating countries will benefit enormously in terms of their living standards through the indicator of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The main objective of the study is to explore the relationship between trade flows and regional integration. This entails the determination the magnitude of the regional integration in Kenya considering in two different perspectives i.e. relationship between Kenya – Uganda and Kenya – Tanzania. The study showed that there is high relation between Kenya and Uganda, which means that the theory of integration is being depicted between the two countries. Considering Kenya and Tanzania, there is no much interaction between the countries hence there is need of intervention of policy makers to open up the borders so as more transaction should take place.