

## Foreword and Acknowledgements

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For the forthcoming Volume 17 the Editors of the Yearbook took up the event of the Independence of the Republic of South Sudan on July 9, 2011 to publish a special *Unit 1* on New Economic Policies for Sudan and South Sudan and the Need for a Strategic Economic Cooperation between these two countries. The editors were enthusiastically supported in this endeavour by groups of authors from the two countries. While the authors of this Unit are

convinced about the need for a strategic economic and political cooperation between the two countries, the politics in these two countries has not yet learned the lessons from the many decades of conflict between and within these two countries. Various groups of researchers in Nigeria and government and non-governmental offices in Nigeria have contributed to the forthcoming Volume 17 of the *African Development Perspectives Yearbook*, and so made possible a *Unit 2* on Macroeconomic Policies in West Africa. Researchers from WAMA (West African Monetary Agency) and WAMI (West African Monetary Institute) have contributed with expertise on the West African regional economic and monetary integration process. In order to compare the established CFA Francs West African Economic and Monetary Integration process with the new WAMZ (West African Monetary Zone) integration process, Senegal was included as a country case for the CFA Zone. *Unit 3* of forthcoming Volume 17 contains a great number of reviews and book notes of books, journal issues, documents and research papers. All of the entries are highly relevant for the main theme Macroeconomic Policy Formation in Africa.

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