



Call for Papers

Volume 18 of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook with the title „Africa’s Progress in Regional and Global Economic Integration”

Invited are contributions for Volume 18 of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook with the title “*Africa’s Progress in Regional and Global Integration*”. The contributions should be evidence-based and policy-oriented. High academic standards are requested and will be checked by referees. Non-technical papers with deep analysis and which are readable as well for practitioners in development cooperation also have a high priority. The methodological framework of analysis should be outlined in the Abstract submitted to the Editors.

Upon acceptance of the paper, the *contributors* will receive Editorial Guidelines and a Template. Accepted papers will be grouped into Thematic Units, and the respective Unit Editors will contact the contributors quite regularly.

Guest Editors for various Thematic Units are also invited to apply. Editors of Thematic Units are also becoming automatically Volume Editors. Guest Editors are responsible for a Thematic Unit with 3 – 5 contributions and an Introduction. For specific themes see the Main Issues proposed by the Editors for Volume 18 as presented below.

See the *context* of the Africa Research Programme of IWIM (Institute for World Economics and International Management):

<http://www.iwim.uni-bremen.de/africa/africanyearbook.htm>

The Editors also invite publishers and institutes to send books and issues of periodicals as well as discussion papers being of relevance to the theme for use in the *Book Reviews/Book Notes Section of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook* (Book Review Editor: Professor Dr. Achim Gutowski, Email: Prof. Dr. Achim Gutowski <agutowski@uni-bremen.de>

Main Issues proposed by the Editors for Volume 18 (only some examples for possible themes are mentioned below):

Strategies of Successful African Exporters: by Large and Small Firms, by Domestic and Foreign-owned Firms, and by African-led and Foreign-led Value Chains

- *Conditions and Criteria for Success of African Exporting Firms on Regional and Global Markets*
- *Firms from SANE (South Africa, Algeria, Nigeria, Egypt) countries as Investors in Africa and Globally*
- *Strategies of African Leaders of Global Value Chains (Cases like Breweries, Oil and Gas, Mining Products, Fruits and Vegetables, Wine, etc.)*
- *Learning to Compete (Infrastructure, Innovation and Comprehensive Policies as Ingredients needed for African firms to be able to compete globally)*
- *Strengthening African Value Chains for Export Activity and Successes on Regional Markets*

National Economic Policy in Africa and International Competitiveness of African Firms

- *National Trade, Investment and Regional Integration Policies (Country Case Studies)*
- *Lessons from WTO negotiations for African membership applicants (Country Case Studies)*
- *Redirection of Trade and Investment Policies (and of Africa's trade administration capacity)*
- *Successful Exporters of Manufactured Goods (Country Case Studies)*
- *National and Local Policies for Export Success (Role of Decentralization and Local Growth Diagnostics)*
- *African countries and their cooperation with regional and international economic organizations (contribution of regional and international economic organizations to Africa's global and regional integration process)*

Regional Integration and Regional Value Chains: Impacts on the Competitiveness of African Firms

- *Regional Economic Communities as Engines of Growth in Africa (Cases of RECs and Cooperation of RECs towards a Tripartite Free Trade Agreement)*
- *Sub-Regional Cooperation between African Countries (Success Cases of Border Development Programmes with Focus on Tourism, Infrastructure Provision, and Production)*
- *South-South Cooperation (New Cooperation Frameworks between BRICS countries and African countries, and between BRICS and Regional Economic Communities)*
- *EU - Africa relations (future of EPAs, EBA, Cotonou Preferences, etc.) and experiences of African firms*
- *Future of USA - Africa trade and investment relations and experiences of African firms*
- *Progress of Regional Economic Communities in Africa (by Scoreboard Approach)*

Structural Transformation in Africa, Private Sector Development and the Dynamics of the Foreign Trade Sector

- *Exports and Economic Growth in Africa (by countries and regions)*
- *Exports, Employment and Livelihood in Africa (household, sector and country case studies)*
- *Structural Transformation in Africa: The Role of Exports and of Foreign Investment (Country Cases)*
- *From Mining to Beneficiation and from Raw Materials Production to Processing and Manufacturing (Cases by Countries)*
- *Sector-specific Cases of African Export Successes: Agriculture and Agro-industries, Crafts and Manufacturing Sectors, Service Sectors*
- *Africa Responding to Globalization Pressures (in trade, technology, finance, labour migration, and value chain integration)*

To the Contributors: Please send an Abstract and a short CV not later than April 15, 2014 to both Editors (see below). The Editors will respond within 4 weeks to your proposal. If you have already contributed to a former volume of the Yearbook, please send only an Abstract. First Drafts of Contributions should be ready by September 2014. Completed Final Drafts have to be ready latest end of 2014.

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