Critically examine the influence of drainage on development of African region.

Drainage refer to the flow of water through a well defined channel

Drainage plays a crucial role in the economic social and environmental development

Drainage features include rivers lakes and all other water bodies

Drainage as contributed greatly to development of African region

The contributions of drainage include;

1. **Agriculture**

Proper drainage ensures that plants are healthy that’s proper drainage prevents water logging which can lead to increased water salinity thus suffocating plant roots and lead to diseases.

By improving soil health and promoting optimal plant growth drainage contributes to higher crop yields and better quality produce.

1. **Transport**

Prover drainage is crucial for safe and efficient transportation

Water accumulation educes friction leading to longer breaking distances and increased risk of accidents especially in wet conditions

Proper drainage can reduce flooding and thus it will be safety for vehicles

1. **Hydroelectric power**

Effective drainage systems are crucial for hydroelectric power as they ensure water availability and manage water flow for optimal power output while also preventing issues mage to equipment and water quality problems

The amount of precipitation that drains into rivers and streams determine water available for power generation

1. **Travel and preservation of diversity**

Lakes river basins and wet lands sustain variety of habitats and draw tourists . one of such examples is Okavango delta in Botswana which is a UNESCO world heritage site and attract ecotourism that strengthen local economies. The Nile with ancient monuments like Luxor and Aswan also adds Egypt’s tourism business

1. **Infrastructure Development**

Drainage as led to development of transport and communication networks

Rivers can act as an important transportation routes facilitating trade and movement of people and goods.

1. **Resource availability and economic activities**

Delta areas like the Niger Delta can be rich in resource like petroleum and other minerals supporting mining industries.