

Regional economic integration

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Please Read Me

- Check the message **Welcome greeting** published in the News Bulletin Board.
- Dear student please edit your profile uploading a photo where your face is clearly visible.
- The purpose of the virtual meetings is to answer questions and not to make a summary of the study material.
- This presentation is based on (Wild and Wild 2020, Chapter 8)

Purpose

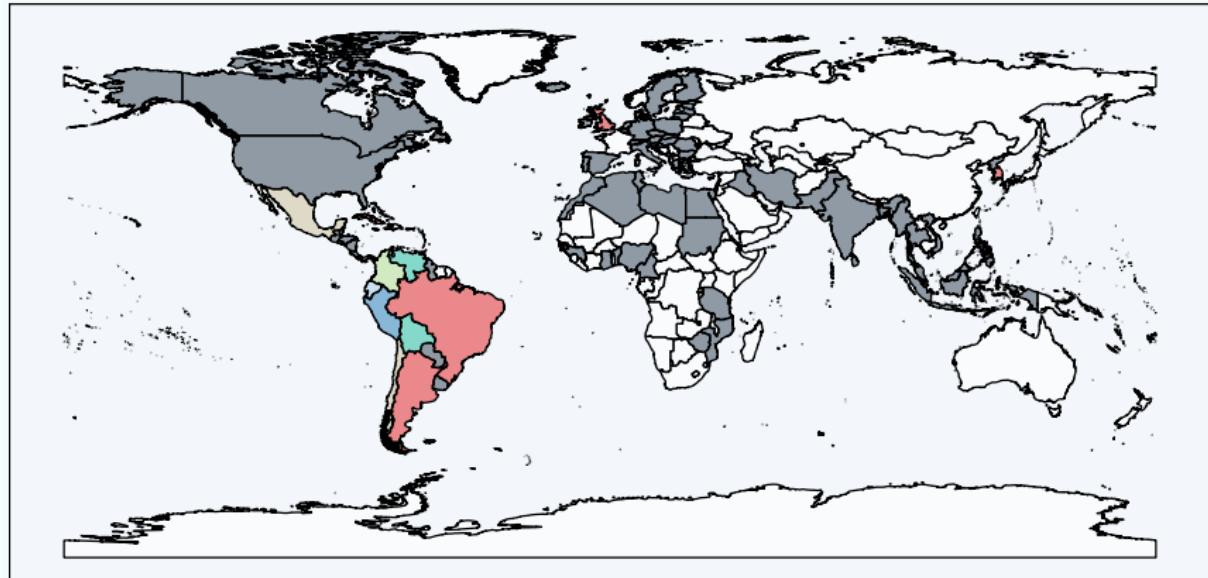
Explore and outline the trend toward greater economic integration of the national economies and its debate

Regional trade agreements (RTA)

- A regional trade agreement (RTA) is a treaty between two or more countries that specify the rules of trade
- Where can I find information about the RTA around the world?
 - Regional Trade Agreements Database:
 - <https://rtais.wto.org> > Explore the data > Export all RTAs
 - Market access map:
 - <https://www.macmap.org/> > Analyze markets

Regional trade agreements (RTA)

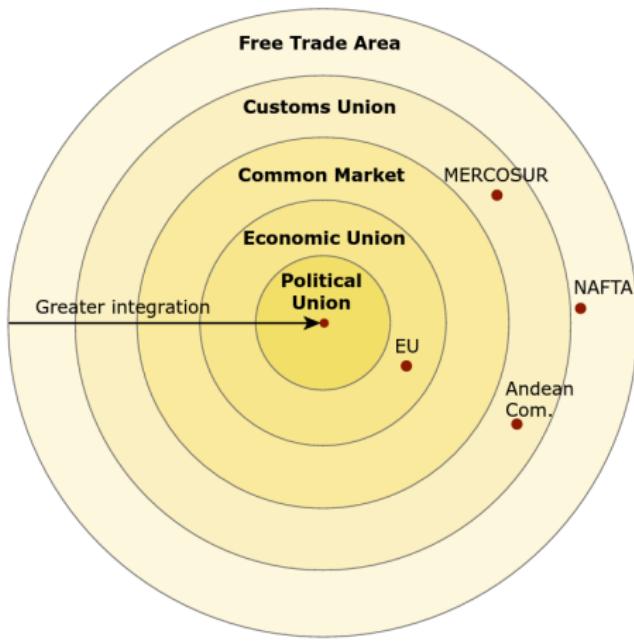
Number of RTAs in force with Colombia by country reported to WTO



Source data: RTA database – WTO & OMC,
Last update date: 2021-02-04,
Source data map: Natural Earth

Level of integration

- Degrees of economical and political integration for regional trading blocs according to (Wild and Wild 2020, Fig 8.1)



Level of integration

- Types of RTAs notify to the WTO

- **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)**

- “Two or more customs territories in which the duties and other restrictive regulations of commerce . . . are eliminated on substantially all the trade between the constituent territories in products originating in such territories . . .” (WTO 2020b, Article XXIV, 8 (b) - GATT 1994)

- **Customs Union (CU)**

- “The substitution of a single customs territory for two or more customs territories . . .” (WTO 2020b, Article XXIV, 8 (a) - GATT 1994)

- **Economic Integration Agreement (EIA)**

- This type of integration is described in (WTO 2020a, Article V)

- **Partial Scope Agreement (PSA)**

- The agreement covers only certain products and must be notified according to (WTO 2020c, 4 - Decision of 28 November 1979 (L/4903))

Level of integration

Table 1: Colombia RTAs in force by type reported to WTO

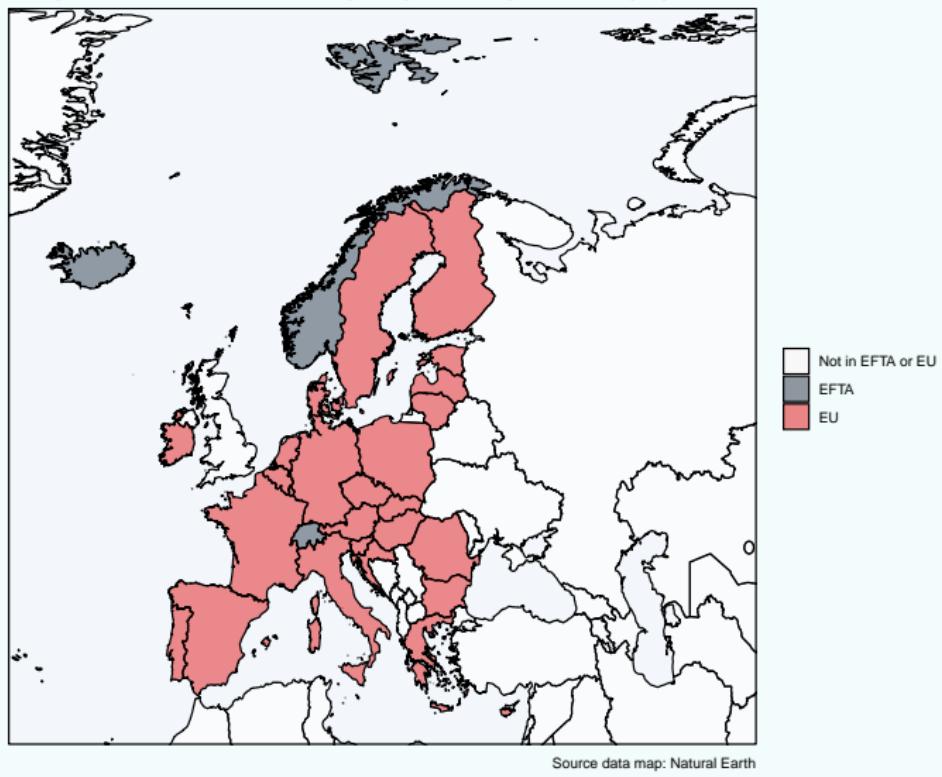
| RTA Name | Type |
|--|-----------|
| Andean Community (CAN) | CU |
| Canada - Colombia | FTA & EIA |
| Chile - Colombia | FTA & EIA |
| Colombia - Mexico | FTA & EIA |
| Colombia - Northern Triangle (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras) | FTA & EIA |
| Costa Rica - Colombia | FTA & EIA |
| EFTA - Colombia | FTA & EIA |
| EU - Colombia and Peru | FTA & EIA |
| Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP) | PSA |
| Korea, Republic of - Colombia | FTA & EIA |
| Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) | PSA |
| Pacific Alliance | FTA & EIA |
| United Kingdom - Colombia | FTA & EIA |
| United Kingdom - Ecuador and Peru | FTA & EIA |
| United States - Colombia | FTA & EIA |

¹ Source: RTA database - WTO & OMC

² Last update: 2020-02-04

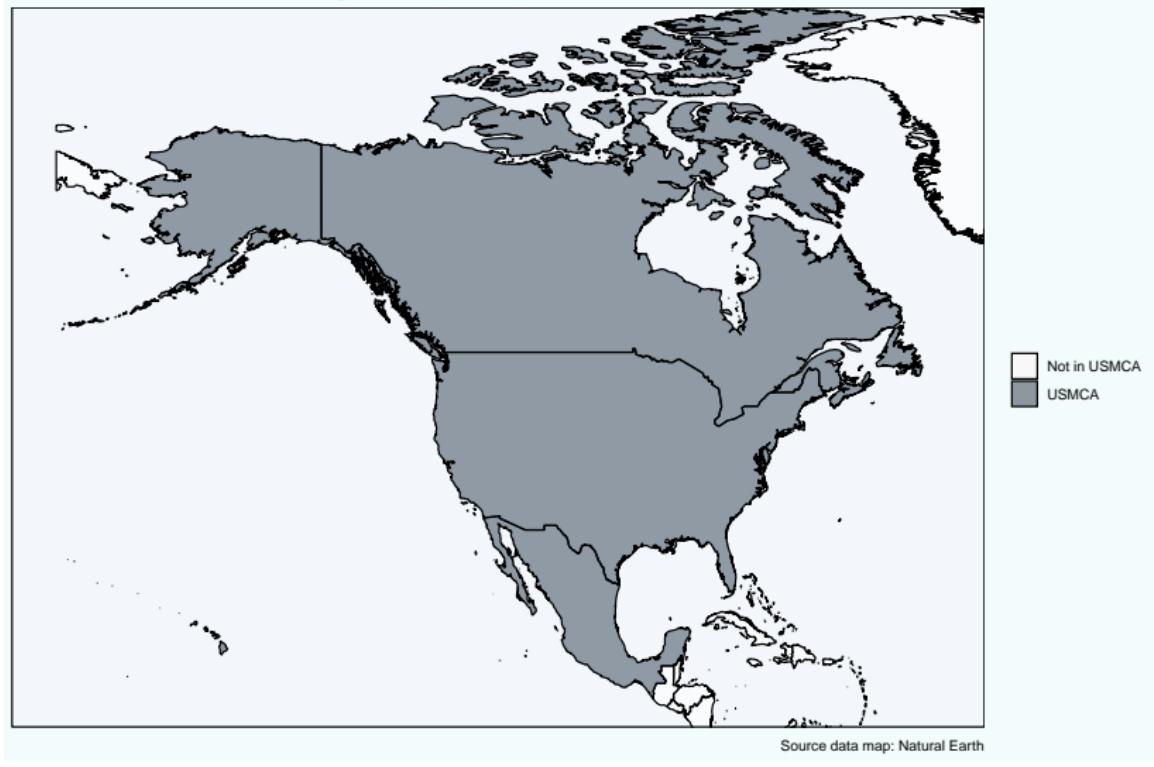
Integration in Europe

European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and European Union (EU)



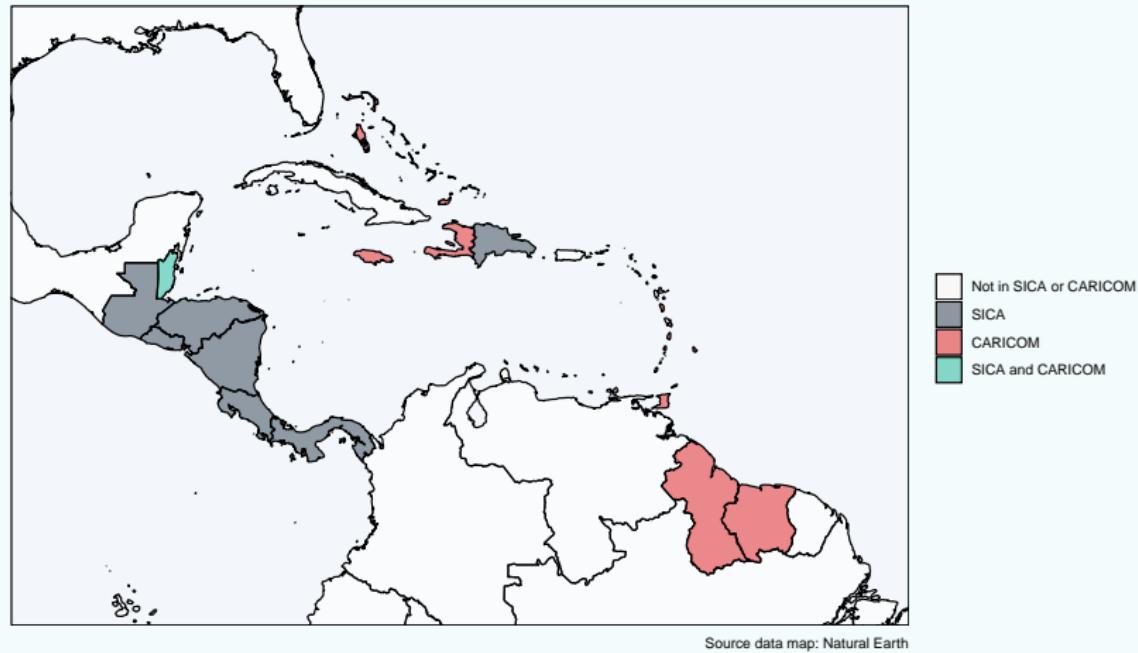
Integration in North America

United States, Mexico, Canada Agreement (USMCA)



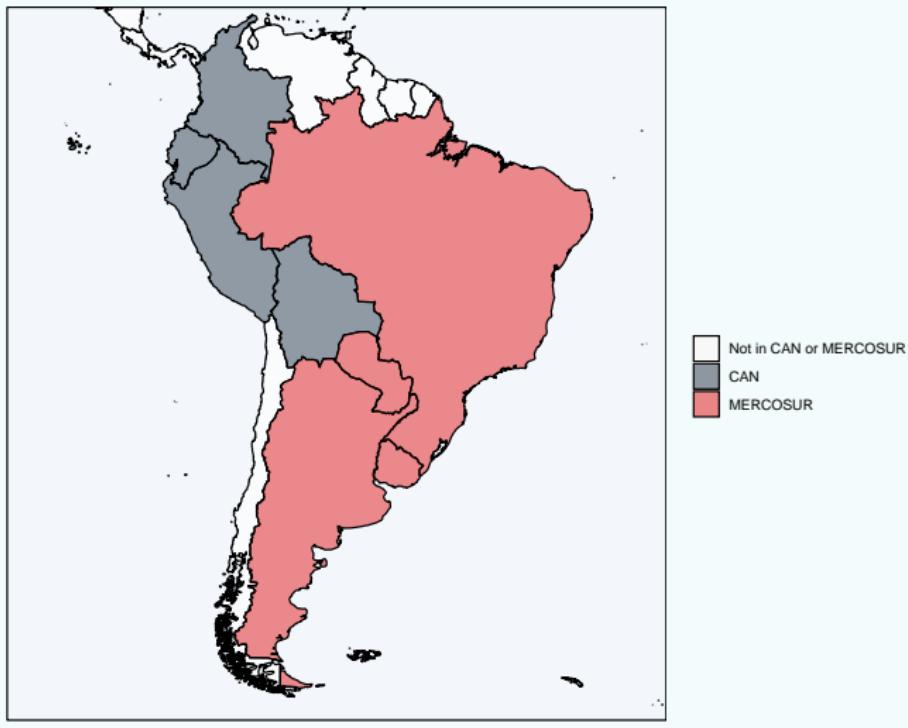
Integration in Central America and the Caribbean

Central American Integration System (SICA) and
Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM)



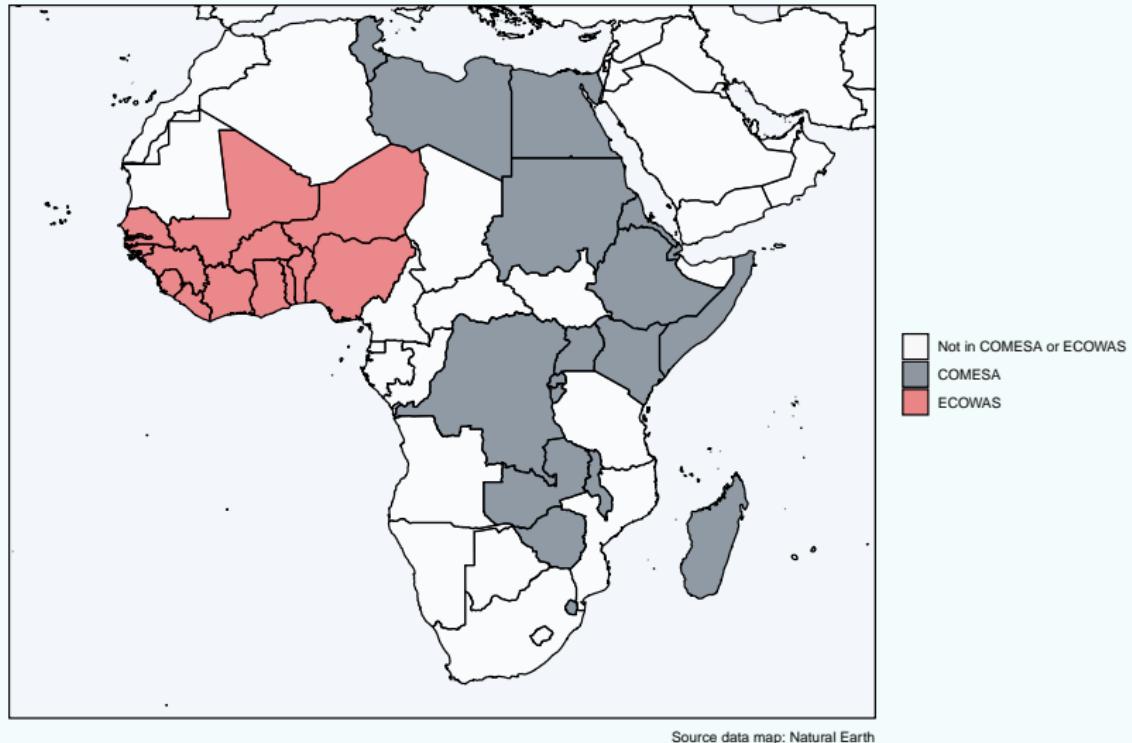
Integration in South America

Andean Community (CAN) and
Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)



Integration in Africa

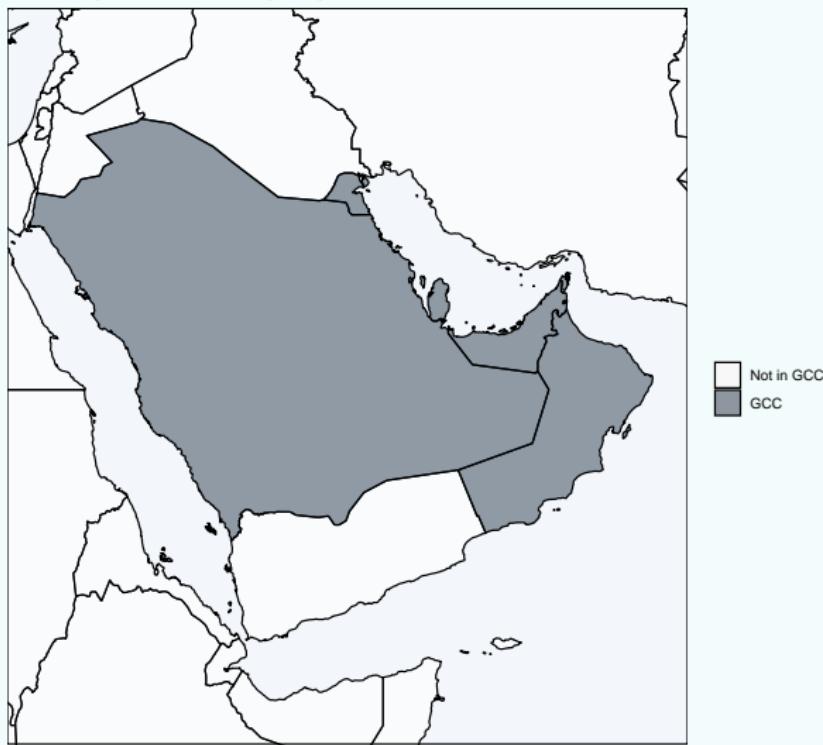
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)



Source data map: Natural Earth

Integration in the Middle East

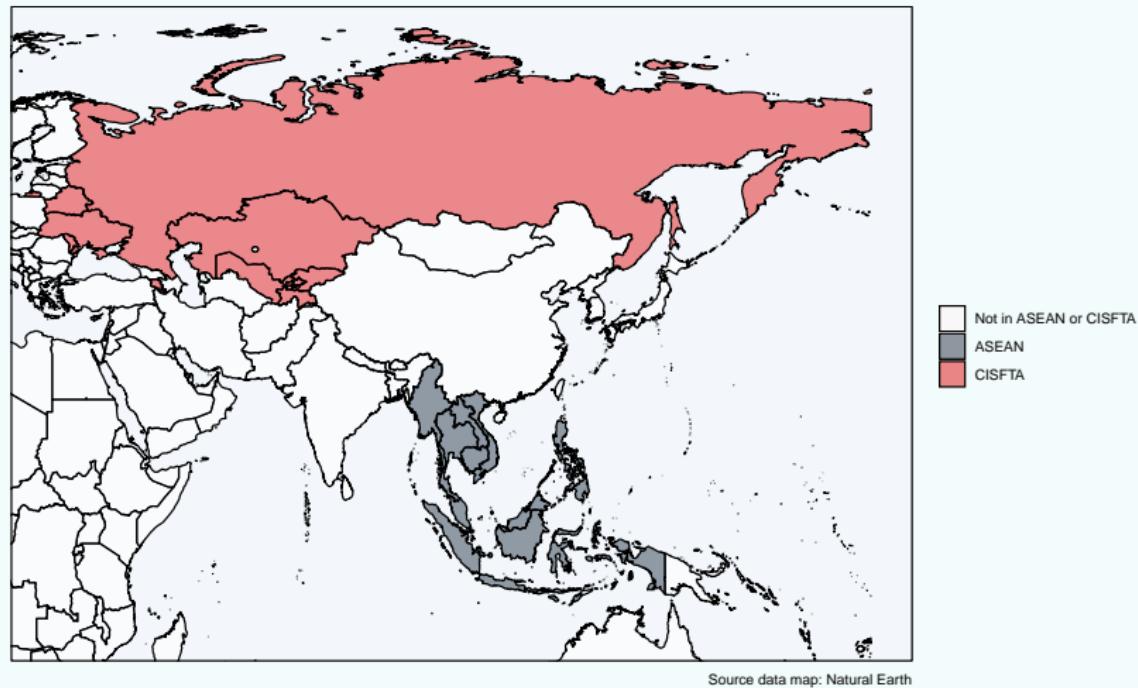
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)



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Integration in Asia

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and
Commonwealth of Independent States Free Trade Area (CISFTA)



Regional integration in Oceania

Australia & New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement (ANZCERTA)



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