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### **The potential for internal trade and regional integration in Africa**

Many communities had overlapping membership. South Africa was not surveyed.

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### **Regional Bodies**

Issues of red tape and corruption have been in the headlines, especially in important areas such as power generation and supply — challenges that make the cost of doing business high. It has a large coastal strip that is endowed with natural harbours.

### **The potential for internal trade and regional integration in Africa**

The poor state of infrastructure and energy also remain a challenge to a great number of African countries, making intra-African trade very expensive. South Africa and Malawi do not experience the costs and benefits of regional trade arrangements in the same way. The latter two countries became fully fledged members of the EAC in July 2007, and started to implement the Customs Union in 2009.

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