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### Regional integration journey in Africa

For instance, since the 1990s, post-apartheid South Africa has attracted highly qualified professionals and unskilled labour migrants from the Democratic Republic of Congo DRC, Ghana, Zambia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Kenya, as well as migrants from OECD countries such as Italy, the United Kingdom and Germany, and Asian countries such as India, Pakistan and China. It will make the African consumer's plight so much more hopeful.

### Making African integration a reality

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### The African Approach to Regional Integration

Greater competition and access to new markets will contribute to accelerating economic growth, including in the most fragile countries, and also enhance the competitiveness of economic operators. COMESA launched its Customs Union in June 2009 and the East African Community launched its Common Market in 2010.

### Making African integration a reality

Due to the short supply of a domestic labour force, immigrants from other West African countries, in particular Burkina Faso, Mali, Liberia, Senegal, Ghana and Nigeria, were hired in the agricultural and service sectors to do menial jobs that the local population despised.

### Making African integration a reality

Amongst these challenges, which require corresponding solutions, are: the prioritisation of national interests, bureaucratic hurdles, corruption at

borders, lack of harmonised migration policies, unstable economies of many member states, security concerns, inadequate infrastructures to facilitate labour mobility and the lack of reliable data on population and migration.

### **Impact of the European Union on Regional Integration in Africa**

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### **Assessing Regional Integration in Africa I: ECA Policy Research Report**

Inequalities in production will tend to create unsupportable trade imbalances. In order to facilitate free movement of labour across the sub-region, there is a need for regional accreditation of educational certificates. These international labour migrants were recruited on a seasonal basis.

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