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In this work, Richard E. Mshomba offers an in-depth analysis of economic integration in Africa with a focus on the East African Community (EAC), arguably the most ambitious of all the regional economic blocs currently in existence in Africa. *Economic Integration in Africa* provides more than just an overview of regional economic blocs in Africa; it also offers a rich historical discussion on the birth and death of the first EAC starting with the onset of colonialism in the 1890s, and a systematic analysis of the birth, growth, and aspirations of the current EAC. Those objectives include forming a monetary union and eventually an East African political federation. This book also examines the African Union's aspirations for continent-wide integration as envisioned by the Abuja Treaty. Mshomba carefully argues that maturity of democracy and good governance in each country are prerequisites for the formation of a viable and sustainable East African federation and genuine continent-wide integration.

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Abbreviations

ACP	African, Caribbean, and Pacific Countries
AERC	African Economic Research Consortium
AGOA	African Growth and Opportunity Act
ANAW	African Network for Animal Welfare
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AU	African Union
BoT	Bank of Tanzania
CAT	Coffee Authority of Tanzania
CCM	Chama Cha Mapinduzi
CEMAC	Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa
CEN-SAD	Community of Sahel-Saharan States
CES-TFTA	COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Free Trade Area
CETs	Common External Tariffs
CFTA	Continental Free Trade Area
CIF	Cost, Insurance, and Freight
CMA	Common Monetary Area
CNDD-FDD	National Council for the Defense of Democracy-Forces for the Defense of Democracy
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CPI	Corruption Perceptions Index
CUF	Civic United Front
DSU	Dispute Settlement Understanding
EAC	East African Community
EACB	East African Central Bank
EACJ	East African Court of Justice
EACSO	East African Common Services Organization
EADB	East African Development Bank

*List of Abbreviations*

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EAHC	East African High Commission
EAMU	East African Monetary Union
EBA	Everything But Arms
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECGLC	Economic Community of Great Lakes Countries
ECOMOG	Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EPA	Economic Partnership Agreement
EPZs	Export Processing Zones
EU	European Union
FDLR	Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda
FTAAP	Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNI	Gross National Income
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences
HDI	Human Development Index
HIPC	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICGLR	International Conference on the Great Lakes Region
ICTSD	International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
IGADD	Inter-Governmental Authority on Drought and Development
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IOC	Indian Ocean Commission
JKIA	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
KANU	Kenya African National Union
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
MDC	Maputo Development Corridor
MDRI	Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative
MNC	Multinational Corporation
MFN	Most Favored Nation
MPs	Members of Parliament
MRU	Mano River Union
NAFTA	North America Free Trade Area

NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPV	Net Present Value
OAU	Organization of African Unity
PAP	Pan-African Parliament
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
PRSPs	Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers
PTA	Preferential Trade Area
REBs	Regional Economic Blocs
SACU	Southern Africa Customs Union
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SADCC	Southern African Development Coordination Conference
SPLM	Sudanese People’s Liberation Movement
TANU	Tanganyika African National Union
TCCIA	Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture
TAZAMA	Tanzania-Zambia Mafuta Pipeline
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UEMOA	West African Customs and Economic Union
UMA	Arab Maghreb Union
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
WAMZ	West African Monetary Zone
WTO	World Trade Organization
ZEC	Zanzibar Electoral Commission





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