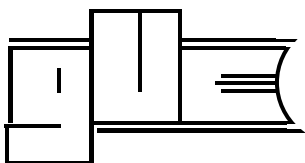


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## **Preface**

Almost every region today is divided into some sort of economic cooperation in the world, especially in the African continent. Countries ally together so as to have better trade opportunities for their economies.

The East African Community has a long history which can be traced back during and after the colonial period in East Africa. However despite its collapse in 1977 the founder member states of the East Africa Community have so far done a remarkable effort in re-establishing the EAC.

This study looks at the challenges that had been there and which arise today in establishing the East African Common Market. This work does not intend to diminish the achievements of the East African Community but it calls upon to critically look at the way the East African Common Market wants to move forward and encourages it to clearly analyze the problems facing it and work on them so as not built a "Castle in the Air".

The Thesis makes a comparative analysis with the E(E)C since there are some similarities and due to the fact that the E(E)C now the EU is the most developed regional integration. A deeper analysis up to the EU cannot be made since the EAC has now moved only to the stage of the EEC in the 1950's of Europe which again on the other hand cannot completely be compared since at that time Europe was far more developed than East Africa is today.

The study looks just at some aspects and it is not exhaustive in all questions. The author intends to raise some questions to stimulate further discussions which may help to mould the development of the East African common Market.

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