



# EPA's and Regional Integration SACU Perspective

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## The Questions



- ▶ Why Integration?
- ▶ We sing several songs
- ▶ The global and African Context
- ▶ SACU: How does it promote integration?
- ▶ Enters the SADC EPA
- ▶ Where will we end up?

## Why Integration?



1. Classical reasons (Politics % Econ)
  - ▶ Faster liberalization
  - ▶ Peace , cooperation and good neighbours
  - ▶ Institutional dimension
  - ▶ It makes things cheaper and easier
  - ▶ Integration into global econ. What does it mean?
2. Not end in itself
3. Integration into global economy
4. Institutional dimension
5. Remember the WTO: Art. XXIV and DSU (*Bananas and Turkey Textiles*)
6. Subsequent notification of EPAs.



## We sing different Songs



1. **The EU song**
2. Cotonou: Foundation of EPA negotiations
3. Preferences do not work
4. Integrate into global economy
5. WTO Waiver runs out
6. **The African Song**
7. Political integration
8. Development assistance
9. No supranationality and justiciability
10. Weak on law and institutions
11. NEPAD
12. Sometimes doing well on infrastructure etc

## Global and African Contexts



1. Tension between multilateralism and new regionalism
2. Doha failing
3. China factor
4. Trade related coverage
5. Global warming
6. HIV/Aids
7. Rise of rules-based approaches
8. United States of Africa
9. RECs (SACU not one)



## SACU: How does it promote Integration?



1. Single customs territory
2. C.E.T.
3. Common Revenue Pool
4. What changed with the new Agreement?
5. Is it making progress?
6. Part 8
7. Art 31
8. Common negt. mechanism
9. Tariff Board
10. Tribunal
11. Capacity



## Enters the SADC EPA



1. New WTO compatible regime
2. Members
3. TDCA
4. Differentiated offer and its effects
5. But what will it really promote?
6. Split personality?
7. Legal tussles- how will disputes pan out?
8. Coverage

## Where will we end up?



1. Common Policies (e.g. industrial dev)
2. Common Institutions
3. It costs money
4. It needs the same rules
5. It needs a voice
6. A party to the new agreement
7. Fragmentation is the enemy of intgr
8. Will we have disputes? With whom?
9. The inherent tension: Global intr and common policies





