



THE WEST AFRICAN MONETARY AGENCY

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW(WAER)

1. Background

The West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) is an autonomous and specialized agency of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), established in 1996 following the transformation of the West African Clearing House (WACH). The mission of the Agency is to introduce a single currency for the fifteen (15) ECOWAS Member States under the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme (EMCP).

The mandates of the Agency include but not limited to the following: to enhance monetary cooperation and consultation among Member States, facilitate the harmonization and coordination of monetary and fiscal policies as well as structural adjustment programmes, ensure the monitoring, coordination and implementation of the EMCP and to initiate and promote policies and programmes relating to monetary integration in the Sub -region

The Agency performs the following functions in order to achieve its objectives:

- Formulates policies and programmes with the view to promoting monetary and fiscal harmonization and cooperation within the framework of monetary and economic integration in the region;
- Undertakes studies on issues related to monetary and fiscal cooperation and other international economic issues affecting member states;
- Prepares reports periodically on exchange rates, trade liberalization, fiscal and monetary policy harmonization, balance of payments development and other monetary cooperation issues; and
- Undertakes consultancy services in economic and financial issues.

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The process of introduction of a single currency in a region as well as maintaining a monetary union requires evidence-based policy recommendation. In ECOWAS Member States, under the EMCP, these policy recommendations are proffered by the West Africa Monetary Agency through its various activities, including the conduct of multilateral surveillance and undertaking economic research.

The Agency is calling for the participation of other relevant stakeholders in this process, especially the West African Professional Cadres and Academics, through its journal, The West African Economic Review (WAER). The Agency is therefore calling for papers with policy relevance to regional integration in the ECOWAS sub-region. A paper may be on all ECOWAS member countries, a group of ECOWAS member countries or a specific ECOWAS country.



3. Objective of the Journal

The journal aims to promote scholarship in the area of Monetary Integration in West Africa by inviting contributions from stakeholders in policy making, industry and other experts in the academia.

4. Scope of the Journal

The journal specifically encourages papers in the following areas:

- Institutions and Regional Integration;
- Trade and Regional Integration;
- Exchange Rate and Regional Integration;
- Monetary Policy and Regional Integration;
- Fiscal Policy and Regional Integration;
- Political Economy and Regional Integration;
- Sectoral Development and Regional Integration;
- Finance and Regional Integration; and
- Current emerging issues and Regional Integration.

5. Guidelines for Preparation of Manuscript

- The title page should include the names(s) of the author(s) and institutional affiliation for each author where applicable;
- Each article should include an abstract of no more than 150 words, beginning on a separate page. This should be followed by the JEL classification numbers of the paper and at least three key words;
- Footnotes should be at the bottom of the page on which they are cited and author(s) affiliation or acknowledgements should not be numbered;
- Tables and figures should be on the page on which they are first referred to or as close as possible to such page and should be numbered sequentially with Arabic numerals. The tables and figures should be numbered and labelled, in bold and left aligned. The source(s) of the tables or figures indicated below them;
- All explanatory materials for figures should be included in the legend and not in the figure itself;
- Headings should be numbered and formatted as follows:
 1. MAIN HEADING (BOLD)
 - 1.1 Sub Heading (bold)
 - 1.1.1 Minor Heading



- Short references should be in the text and more detailed ones should be arranged in an unnumbered alphabetical order at the end of the paper, beginning on a new page;
- Abbreviations should be spelt out at the first occurrence;
- Font size should be 12 Times New Roman single line spacing;
- Abstract should be in italics;
- Pages should not exceed fifteen (15); and
- Study must be submitted in both Microsoft word and PDF formats.

6. Submission and Remuneration

Papers may be submitted electronically to *wamao_research@amao-wama.org* and *waereview@yahoo.com*. Articles submitted for publication undergo a blind review process and the authors are then advised about the status of the paper. The Agency gives a token of five hundred US dollars (US\$500) to author(s) for every paper published in the journal.