

Does Corruption Moderate the International Trade: Tax Revenue Nexus in ECOWAS?

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Abstract: This study examines the effect of international trade and corruption perception on tax revenue in the ECOWAS sub-region. Using data from IMF, World Bank, and Transparency International databases over the period 2000-2020 and employing Panel Corrected Standard Errors estimation technique, the study notes that: international trade and low corruption perception positively drives tax revenue in the ECOWAS sub-region. It further finds that the joint effect of international trade and low corruption promotes tax revenue in the sub-region. Governments in the region should formulate policies that would stimulate international trade and discourage corruption in order to boost tax revenue mobilisation.

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