

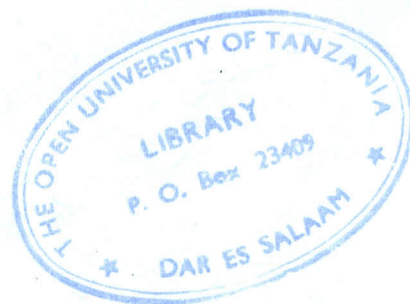
**TANZANIA'S TRADE IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

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## ABSTRACT

This study examines the participation role of Tanzania in the trade in the revived East African Community at its initial stage The East African Customs Union. Since the idea of the revival of the defunct East African Community came up trade in the three East African Countries has showed a trend of both growing and stagnating.

The cooperation should be encouraged as it shows there are benefits accruing from it. In the general objective it is clearly indicated these is an impressive increase in imports by Tanzania from her neighbours. The problem to be addressed here the large part of the import originates from Kenya.

In the result for the first specific objective measures were taken to reduce import barriers i.e. easing foreign exchange controls, administrative rigidities etc.

In the third specific objective the trend of trade flows between the countries was interrupted by both war with Idi Amin and the collapse of the former East Africa community, the trend changed by the beginning of 1990s but with Kenya dominating trade in comparison with Tanzania and Uganda. At the same time trade between Tanzania and Uganda Tanzania seen to be dominating.

This trend continues practically up to the present. So the mission of the new community is to readdress these bottlenecks all member states get the same advantages and disadvantages.

Since the launch up of The East African Custom Union Tanzania has registered in the first eight months, a steady growth in Trade with her partners, a trend which correlate positively with the objectives of the integration exercise.