

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE WEST AFRICAN MONETARY AGENCY

THE WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW

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 through the transformation of the West African Clearing House (WACH). The mission of the Agency is to introduce a single currency for the fifteen member states of ECOWAS, 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 ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme, 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:

- formulate policies and programmes with the view to promoting monetary and fiscal harmonization and cooperation within the framework of the monetary and economic integration in the region
- undertakes studies on issues relating 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.

2. Call for Papers

The process of introduction of a single currency in a region as well as maintaining a monetary union requires evidence based policy recommendations. In ECOWAS member states, under the EMCP, these policy recommendations are proffered by the West African Monetary Agency through its various activities, including the conduct of multilateral surveillance and undertaking studies. The Agency is calling for the participation of other stakeholders relevant in this process, especially the West African Professional Cadres and Academics, through the production of a journal, The West African Economic Review. 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 objective of the journal is to invite the contributions of all stakeholders, including but not limited to experts in Academics, in the process of monetary integration in the region.

4. Scope of the Journal

The journal 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

5. Guidelines for Preparation of Manuscript

- The title page should include the name(s) of the author(s), and institutional affiliation for each author.
- 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 five key words.
- Footnotes should be at the bottom of the page on which they are cited and author affiliations 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 table or figure number and heading should be above the table or figure, in bold typed and left aligned and they must have their source(s) 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 unnumbered alphabetical order at the end of the paper, beginning on a new page.

6. Submission and Remuneration

Papers may be submitted electronically to waer@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 dollars (\$500.00) to author (s) for every paper published in the journal