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"LESSONS LEARNT IN REGIONAL INTEGRATION: BOTSWANA'S EXPERIENCE IN SACU"

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Objectives of SACU

- To facilitate intra SACU trade in goods
- To promote air competition amongst Member States (MS)
- To enhance the economic development, diversification, industrialisation and competitiveness of MS
- To promote the integration of SACU into the global economy
- To increase investment opportunities in MS
- To facilitate equitable sharing of SACU Revenue



Reform Imperatives: Customs Policy And Administration

- To deepen SACU regional integration
- To democratise the SACU decision making process
- To enhance the economic development of MS
- To ensure equitable benefits to MS
- To widen market access



INTEGRATION ISSUES:LESSONS LEARNT

- Unimpeded flow of goods amongst MS
- Polarisation of industrial development
- Unequal benefits to MS
- Perceived focus on revenue by some MS



INTEGRATION ISSUES: CHALLENGES

- Lack of Trade Negotiation capacity in MS
- Lack of common trade and industrial policies
- Slow process of establishing SACU institutions
- Delays in Developing common negotiation positions
- Different Customs procedures and systems in MS
- Revenue Sharing Issues
- Trade in services not factored



WAY FORWARD

- Consolidation of SACU e.g. set up institutions
- Development of common trade and industrial policies
- Consideration of new generation issues e.g. trade in services, VAT union etc
- Capacity Building



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