

## **FISCAL POLICY COORDINATION IN SELECTED WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The paper argues that failure to address the challenges of securing fiscal policy coordination in the economies of some of the West African countries would create challenges for the proposed economic union. Each country in the sub-region has different fiscal arrangement within its economy whether federal, unitary or provincial. How fiscal policy is secured within a country affects inter-country fiscal coordination. Hence the wider fiscal policy coordination and management if not properly addressed could affect macroeconomic stability and its inherent consequences for the sub-region. The economies of Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo and Sierra-leone are used as case studies.

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