Growth without Development: An Examination of Political and Transactional Freedoms in West Africa

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Background

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Data

- UNDP – HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX (AND ITS COMPONENTS)
- DEMOCRACY INDEX
- PRESS FREEDOM INDEX
Poverty and Democracy

• “The history of democracy shows that economic development is a necessary precondition for democracy to gain traction. So, if the citizens are poor and not empowered, as the situation is, they cannot freely exercise their democratic rights,” he says.
Growth & Human Development

GROWTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: ECOWAS 2012

Countires in Aphabetical Order

GDP GROWT(%)
CONGRUENT FREEDOMS

- Economic Opportunity
- Political Liberties
- Social facilities and infrastructures
- Good health
- Basic education
- Freedom of speech and of association
Political Liberty

ECOWAS DEMOCRACY INDEX: GAIN/LOSS 08-09 v 11-12

Only Ten Countries Are Ranked
ECOWAS Agenda for Political and Market Transactional Freedom

• IF YOU ARE PAROCHIAL, YOU DON’T SEEK ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

• IF YOU DON’T BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF FREEDOM TO BRING ABOUT A TRANSFORMED SOCIETY, THERE IS NO POINT PREACHING THE VIRTUE OF A UNITED AFRICA

• IF YOU ARE AN UNLTRA NATIONALIST, IT DEFEATS YOUR PURPOSE TO WORK TOWARDS AN ECOWAS OF PEOPLE
Social Integration

PoS – Perception of Safety; TING – Trust in National Government and SWC – Satisfaction with Community

HDI: 2011 Social Integration Index 2011

Desirable: V. High Quartile

Low Quartile | Very High Quartile | SSA | LDCs | ECOWAS | World
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PoS | TING | SWC
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

• ONLY A UNION HAS THE PROMISE TO WORK TOWARDS THE HARMONIZATION OF ALL FORMS OF FREEDOM

• ONLY ECOWAS HAS THE PROMISE OF A TRUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION!