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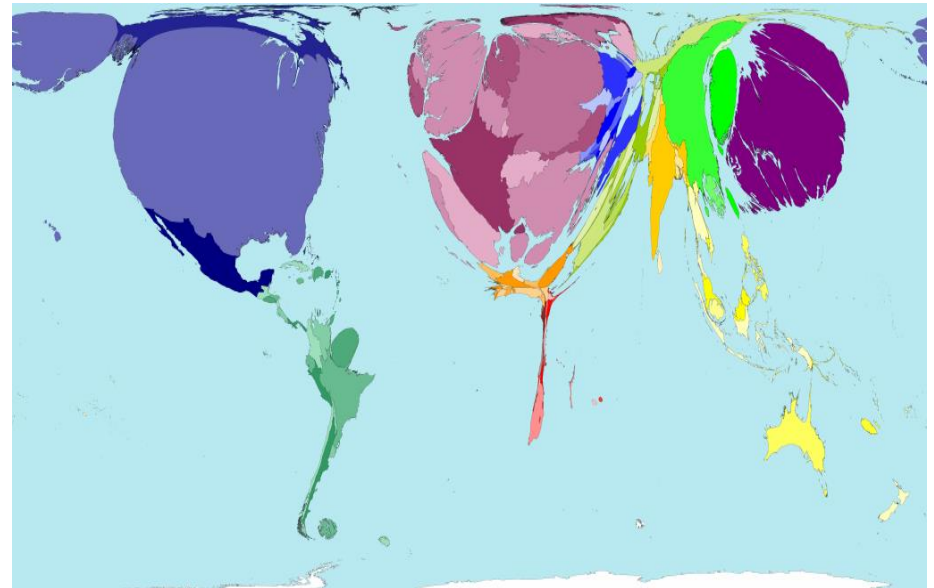
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Two Maps of Africa: One showing the enormity of the task of regional integration and another showing the absolute necessity of region cooperation



# Big Continent with Small economy

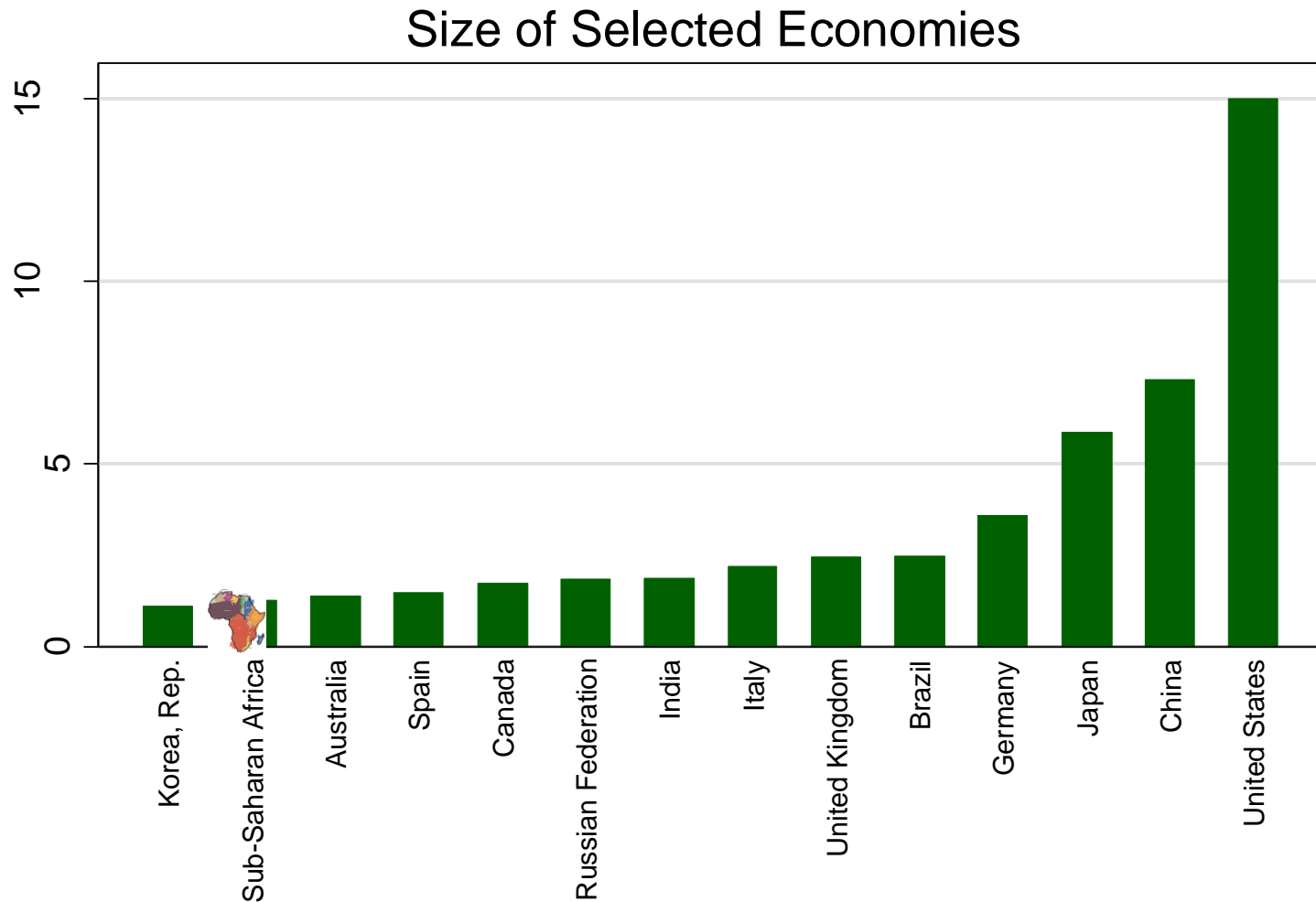
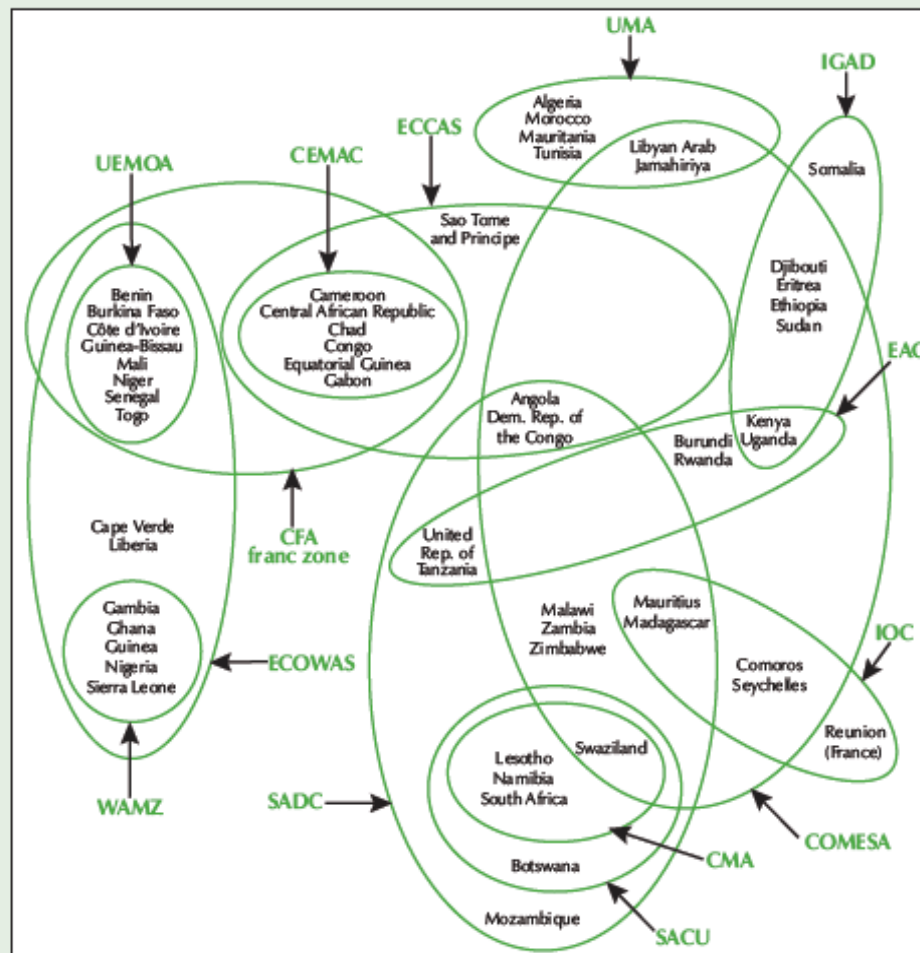


Figure 1

## Africa: Overlapping membership in regional integration groups



Source: UNCTAD secretariat.

Note: Comoros is also a member of the Communauté financière africaine (CFA) franc zone; The EAC is the regional intergovernmental organization of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda. Rwanda and Burundi acceded to the EAC Treaty on 18 June 2007 and became full members of the community 1 July 2007.



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