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# Regional Integration in Africa: How to Make it Work ?



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## Background:

Few will contest the importance of regional integration in Africa, a continent with numerous opportunities for regional integration. Despite the stated commitments and declarations in support of regional integration, the reality on the ground is often sobering.

How can the AU and RECs better use the opportunities for effective regional cooperation and integration? What are the major obstacles and drivers to regional integration? Findings of major studies will be debated as participants are invited to think about ways to tap Africa's potential for regional integration.

What is holding back implementation of agreed regional policies? What are lessons to emerge for a new regional agenda from both successes and failures of regional cooperation and integration in Africa and elsewhere?

Join us for a new session of *Fridays of the Commission*.

## DATE:

Friday 13 May 2016 from 14:00 to 18:00 pm

## VENUE:

Plenary Hall, Old AU Conference Centre.

## Participation:

- Staff members of the Commission
- Representatives of the RECs
- African and non-African diplomats at post in Addis Ababa
- Researchers and academics in Addis Ababa
- University and college students of Ethiopia
- NGOs, civil society organisations and private sector
- Media
- All other interested parties

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