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“Cross-border Co-operation and Policy Networks in West Africa”
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How do cross-border policy networks work?
Which regions are most favourable to cross-border co-operation?
Which border areas would benefit the most from investments?



Published by the OECD Sahel & West Africa Club (SWAC) Secretariat, this book examines how policy actors involved in cross-border co-operation contribute to the regional integration process in West Africa. It uses a pioneering methodology, known as social network analysis, to visualise the formal and informal relationships between actors involved in cross-border policy networks, showing that borders have notable and diverse impacts on exchanges of information and the relative power of networks. The report analyses a range of regional indicators of co-operation potential, visually demonstrating that borders can also affect the ability of sub-regions within West Africa to develop cross-border initiatives. Combining these two analyses with the perceptions of regional policy makers as to which border areas they consider as priorities for regional integration, the publication concludes with the analytical foundations for more effective place-based policies that can enhance cross-border co-operation in West Africa.

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Registration information:

<https://ecas2017.ch/registration>. Early bird registration closes on 2 April. Registration closes on 2 May.

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