


Future prospects: building on the benefits of regional cooperation and integration



Regional cooperation and integration afford the opportunities required for sharing development capacities and encouraging cross-border mobility of production factors. Additionally, policy harmonization makes it possible to resist and even to arrest the “race into the depths of despair”.

Such harmonization must be fully fast-tracked. The slowness of the progress achieved so far partially stems from the non-irrevocable character of most of the frameworks adopted. It would therefore be useful to explore the possibility of enforcement of the provisions of such frameworks and how to limit them in time as well as oversee the policy harmonization processes.