The Civil Society Guide to REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES in Africa



Contents

Tables			v	
Figures Acknowledgements Background			vi vii	
			4 -	
	tive summary		1	
	reviations and acronyms		1	
1.1	Regional Economic Communities		1	
1.2	Historical background and legal framework		2	
1.3	Organs and institutions		3	
1.4	Decision-making processes		3	
1.5	Budgets and financing		4	
1.6	Relationship with the AU and other RECs		5	
1.7	Engagement with civil society		5	
1.8	Current debates within the RECs		6	
1				
2. The E	ast African Community		9	
Abb	reviations and acronyms		9	
2.1	Historical background and legal framework		10	
2.2	EAC organs and institutions		16	
2.3	Decision-making at the EAC		26	
2.4	Budgets and financing of EAC activities		33	
2.5	Relationship with the AU and other RECs		35	
2.6	Communication		37	
2.7	Civil society in the EAC	T_{ij}	37	
2.8	Current debates in the EAC	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	43	
Bibl	iography and resources	;	48	
EAC	contacts	,	/0	

3. T l	he Ec	onomic Community of West African States	51	
Abbreviations and acronyms			51	
	3.1	Historical background and legal framework	52	
	3.2	Organs and institutions of ECOWAS	58	
	3.3	The decision-making process in the ECOWAS framework	77	
	3.4	ECOWAS finances	81	
	3.5	CSO and NGO work in the ECOWAS framework	82	
	3.6	ECOWAS and the African Union	87	
	3.7	ECOWAS's relationship with member states	88	
	3.8	Current debates in ECOWAS	89	
	Bibliography and resources			
ECOWAS contacts			93	
4. T	he So	outhern African Development Community	95	
Abbreviations and acronyms			95	
	4.1	Historical background and legal framework	96	
	4.2	SADC organs and institutions	103	
	4.3	The decision-making process in SADC	114	
	4.4	Budgets and financing of SADC activities	116	
	4.5	Relationship with the AU	120	
	4.6	Civil society in SADC	121	
	4.7	Current debates in SADC	125	
	Bibl	iography and resources	127	
	SADC contacts			