

# Beyond Economic Liberalization in Africa:

Structural Adjustment and the Alternatives

edited by

Kidane Mengisteab  
and  
B. Ikubolajeh Logan

# Contents

---

<i>Contributors</i>	vii
1. Introduction <i>B. Ikubolajeh Logan and Kidane Mengisteab</i>	1
The essence of structural adjustment programmes	2
Africa's economic structures	4
Africa's position in the international economic system	5
Relevance of democratization	6
Relevance of integration	7
This book	7
<b>Part 1</b> STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMMES: PART OF THE PROBLEM	15
2. Democratization and marketization <i>Mahmood Mamdani</i>	17
Introduction	17
Case study 1: Northern Uganda	17
Case study 2: Karamoja	19
Case study 3: Population and reproductive decisions of individual families	20
Lessons to be drawn	21
3. Education adjustment under severe recessionary pressures: the case of Ghana <i>Cyril Daddieh</i>	23
Introduction	23
Evolution of educational systems and policies in Africa	25
The new political kingdom and educational proliferation	26

	The nature and structure of African education	30
	The state in education and the state of education	38
	The crisis in education	40
	Ripe for resolution: Ghana's education sector adjustment programme	42
	Conclusion	49
4.	Can sub-saharan Africa successfully privatize its health care sector? <i>B. Ikubolajeh Logan</i>	56
	Introduction	56
	Africa's health crisis	58
	Public health care delivery in sub-Saharan Africa	59
	Privatization and public health: some theoretical concerns	61
	Conclusion	70
5.	Structural adjustment, labour commitment and cooperation in the Ugandan service sector <i>J. C. Munene</i>	75
	Introduction and background	75
	<i>The problem</i>	77
	Theoretical approach	78
	Methodology	85
	Results	87
	Psychological correlates of organizational stress	92
	Evaluation of the findings	94
	Summary and conclusions	98
	Implications for policy	99
6.	Devaluation: the response of exports and imports <i>Kidane Mengisteab</i>	106
	Objectives of the study	106
	Reasons for the ineffectiveness of devaluation	116
	Negative impacts of devaluation	119
	Conclusion	123

<b>Part 2</b>	<b>OTHER WAYS FORWARD: DEMOCRATIZATION AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION</b>	<b>127</b>
7.	Overcoming Africa's crisis: adjusting structural adjustment towards sustainable development in Africa <i>Hartmut Krugmann</i>	129
	Introduction	129
	Africa in crisis: symptoms and causes	130
	IMF/World Bank-prescribed structural adjustment programmes	139
	Towards a different adjustment approach in Africa	153
8.	A partnership of the state and the market in African development: what is an appropriate strategy mix? <i>Kidane Mengisteab</i>	163
	Why the African state is interventionist	165
	The failure of the state and different types of intervention	169
	The limitations of the market in Africa	173
	Partnership between the state and the market	175
9.	Democracy in Africa: constraints and prospects <i>Abdoulaye S.M. Saine</i>	182
	Causes of the movements towards democracy	185
	State and civil society relations	186
	Obstacles to democracy in Africa	189
	Prospects for democracy in Africa	191
	Conclusion	193
10.	Empowering the African state: economic adjustment strategies in Kenya and Zimbabwe <i>Howard P. Lehman</i>	199
	The paradox of state power in Africa	201
	Kenya	202
	Zimbabwe	210
	Conclusion	218

11.	<b>Economic progress: what Africa needs</b>	
	<i>Adebayo Adedeji</i>	226
	Adjustment and transformation: a better solution	232
	African responsibilities	234
	The external environment	235
	Conclusion	241
12.	<b>Structural adjustment programmes and regional integration: compatible or mutually exclusive?</b>	
	<i>Cyril Daddieh</i>	243
	Introduction	243
	The proliferation of regional schemes	244
	African experiences with regional integration schemes	250
	Challenges to regionalism in Africa	251
	The changing context of regionalism	257
	SAPs and regional integration	260
	A critique of structural adjustment from a regional integration perspective	262
	Conclusions: adjustment and regionalism with a difference	267
13.	<b>Counter-trade as a strategy for regional economic cooperation: the case of the PTA</b>	
	<i>Berhanu Mengistu</i>	273
	Introduction	273
	The PTA	274
	Counter-trade	276
	Various views of counter-trade	280
	Discussion and analysis	282
	Summary	285
14.	<b>Conclusion</b> <i>Kidane Mengisteab and B. Ikubolajeh Logan</i>	288
	Shortcomings of SAPs	288
	Towards a broad-based alternative approach	292
	<b>Index</b>	296