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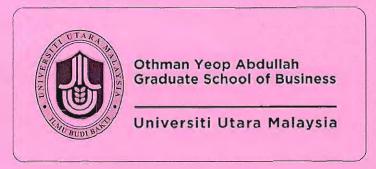


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Abstract

The West African countries have been identified with inadequate capital for investment, being one of the poorest sub-regions in the world. This study employed panel data from 1980 to 2013 to examine the impact of foreign capital inflows on the economic growth in the selected West African countries using Two Gap Theory. The objective of this study is to examine the nature of relationship between foreign capital inflows and the level of economic growth selected West African Countries and to observe the causality between foreign capital inflows components and economic growth. The study adopts Pedroni cointegration and granger causality test. The result shows the existence of long run relationship between foreign capital inflows and economics growth in selected West African country. All the variables were positive but only foreign direct investment is significant. Net migrant remittance, foreign direct investment and official development assistance cause growth in the short run. The study recommends policies to encourage capital inflows via macroeconomic management, a flexible exchange rate, financial sector supervision, large reserves and diversification of domestic economies.

Keywords: capital inflows, Pedroni cointegration, granger causality, economic growth.

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Abstrak

Negara Afrika Barat telah dikenal pasti tidak mempunyai modal yang mencukupi untuk pelaburan, yang merupakan salah satu sub- kawasan termiskin di dunia. Kajian ini menggunakan data panel dari tahun 1980 sehingga tahun 2013 untuk mengkaji kesan daripada aliran modal asing ke atas pertumbuhan ekonomi di negara Afrika Barat terpilih dengan menggunakan Teori Dua Jurang (Theory Two Gap). Objektif kajian ini adalah untuk mengkaji sifat hubungan di antara aliran modal asing dengan tahap pertumbuhan ekonomi Negara Afrika Barat terpilih serta mengkaji kesan di antara komponen aliran modal asing dan pertumbuhan ekonomi. Kajian ini menggunakan ujian kointegrasi Pedroni dan ujian sebab-penyebab granger. Hasil kajian menunjukkan wujud hubungan jangka panjang antara aliran modal asing dan pertumbuhan ekonomi di negara Afrika Barat terpilih. Semua pembolehubah adalah positif tetapi hanya pelaburan langsung asing yang signifikan. Pengiriman bersih mata wang asing, pelaburan langsung asing dan bantuan pembangunan rasmi menyebabkan pertumbuhan dalam jangka masa pendek. Kajian ini mencadangkan dasar-dasar untuk menggalakkan aliran masuk modal melalui pengurusan ekonomi makro, kadar pertukaran yang fleksibel, penyeliaan sektor kewangan, rizab yang besar dan kepelbagaian ekonomi domestik.

| Kata kunci: aliran masul | k modal, kointegrasi | Pedroni, seb | ab-penyebab <i>gran</i> | iger |
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List of Abbreviations

AU African Union

BRVM Bourse Regional De Valeurs Mobilieres

BBC British Broadcasting Corporation

BOPs Balance of Payments

CBN Central Bank of Nigeria

CEEC Central and Eastern European Countries

CNPC China National Petroleum Corporation China

COMESA Common Market of East and Southern African

ECA Europe and Central Asia

ECM Error Correction Model

ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States

ECT Error Correction Technique

EU European Union

FDI Foreign Direct Investment

FCI Foreign Capital Inflows

FPI Foreign Portfolio Investment

FE Fixed Effects University Utara Malaysia

GCN Guinean Central Bank

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GDPR GDP Growth Rate

GFI Global Financial Integrity

IMF International Monetary Fund

INF Inflation Rate

IV Instrumental Variable

LDC's less developed nations

LFRDR Library of Congress Federal Research Division report

MENA Middle East and North Africa

MNCs Multinational Corporations

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

OLS Ordinary Least Squares

ODA Official development assistance

PDS Private Domestic Saving

RER Real Exchange Rate

RIR real Interest Rate

REM Workers Remittances

RIR Real Interest Rate

RIT Relative Income Theory

SADC South Africa Development Community

SFP School Feeding Programme

SMEs Small and Medium Enterprises

SSA Sub-Saharan Africa

TI Transparency International

TNCs Transnational corporations

TOT Terms of Trade

TSCS Time Series Cross Sectional data

UN United Nations

UNCTADS United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Statistics.

US United States

VAR Vector Auto Regressive Model
VECM Vector Error Correction Model

WAC's West African Countries

WDI World Development Indicators
WAMZ West Africa Monetary Zone

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Over the years, some appreciable economic developments have been achieved by West African countries with regards to economic growth. One of the salient sources is via Foreign Capital inflows. A nation can achieve fast economic growth through the motivation of foreign capital. Foreign investments have been viewed as form of merger and acquisition which as do with the existing interest rather than new investment (Madhok & Keyhani, 2012).

Foreign Direct Investment inflow has been seen as the main activities that enhance economic growth of any nation from the developing world. Obida and Abu (2010) stated that capital needed for domestic investment, employment creation, managerial skills and transfer of technology can be achieved through foreign direct investment. Although, event had changed over times where foreign direct investment inflow is subject to countries within the region of Africa as many Nigerians' investors heavily invest in Ghana and other West African countries. Nigeria also receive managerial skills, investments from other African countries.

Efforts had been made by governments of developing countries to solve these economic doldrums (depression) without achieving success as planned. The governments of these countries have neglected investment especially foreign direct investment (FDI) which will not only guarantee employment for them but will also

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