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## EAST AFRICA IN THE FACE OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: SCRAMBLE FOR KENYA, TANZANIA, AND UGANDA

(A reflection on Economic cooperation between Russia and East Africa)

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## [Abstract]

The aim of this work is to determine the prospects for economic cooperation between the Russian Federation and East Africa in the face of increasing international competition. The author starts with an excursus to the history of Russian- (Soviet-) African relations and further justifies the choice of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda for the research, inclusively by making an assessment of the macroeconomic indicators of the countries and evaluation of the competitive environment. He determines the state and perspectives of Russia's economic ties with the three markets and identifies barriers that hinder the development of collaboration. The most promising partner from among the considered countries is singled out by conducting a comparative analysis of the markets' capacities and the potential of the Russian business. Suggestions aimed at deepening economic interaction are proposed.

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