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Conference Paper Abstract

Trade and Development: An Assessment of the development potential of the FTAA and EPA for small developing states

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This paper seeks to present an analytical assessment of the FTAA draft agreement and EPAs, as reflected in the Cotonou Partnership Agreement and in EPA negotiations, to date, to assess the potential they offer for addressing the development goals of developing countries as a group, and small states in particular. It aims to make concrete suggestions as to how these arrangements would need, either to be adjusted or crafted, to meet such goals. In doing this it will seek to engage in the literature on development, to suggest what a development agenda for small states should look like based on their social, economic and political specificities, and their experiences in the early post-independence periods.