Cities and Borders in West Africa

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- Memorandum of Understanding, OECD-UF

Source: OECD (2017)
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West African Studies

An Atlas of the Sahara-Sahel
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Cross-border Co-operation and Policy Networks in West Africa
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West African cities

Source: Prieto Curiel, Heinrigs, Heo (2017)
West African border cities

Objectives

• Identifying city morphologies and functions in terms of their relationships to borders

• Measuring the accessibility of border cities in terms of time and distance

• Analyzing how women traders’ networks work
# Morphology and functions of border cities

- Quantitative indicators

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Source: OECD (2017)
Morphology

- Lomé and Aflao, the ‘odd couple’ (Nugent)
Morphology

- Malanville’s One Stop Border Post, 2002-2017

Source: Google Earth Time
Accessibility of border cities

Sources: OECD, Landscan, OSM, gROADSv1, SRTM3, GADM 2.8, Africapolis, CILSS, Walther 2017
Barriers to women’s participation in markets

Mapping women’s trade networks

• Supply chain, by roles

Mapping women’s trade networks

• Supply chain, by country

Mapping women’s trade networks

- Supply chain, by gender

Mapping policy networks

- Empowerment of women’s market activities

Source: OECD (2017)
Policy dialogue

• Sahel Special Envoys briefings
• OECD West African Papers series
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