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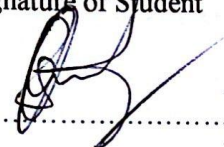
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ABSTRACT

This dissertation explores the contribution of exports to economic growth in Southern Africa between 2005 and 2016. Using Panel data on real GDP per capita, exports, population, foreign direct investment (FDI), Inflation and real growth in Manufacturing (RGMAN) for a selected country in Southern Africa, the study employs a panel data approach to estimate a growth model. The results indicate that exports have a significant positive impact on economic growth, with a coefficient of 0.55195 (P-value = 0.0313). The study also finds that population has a significant positive impact on economic growth, with a coefficient of 0.769712 (P-value = 0.0190), while FDI and RGMAN have no significant impact. Overall, the findings suggest that policies aimed at stimulating exports, population growth, and government expenditure on machinery and equipment can contribute to economic growth in Southern Africa.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ADF	Augmented Dickey Fuller
DLS	Dynamic Ordinary Least Squares
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
EXPO	Exports
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
INF	Inflation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
LM	Lagrange Multiplier
PCSE	Panel Corrected Standard Errors
PG	Population Growth
PP	Phillips Peron
RBZ	Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe
REM	Random Effects Model
RGDP	Real Growth Domestic Product
RGMAN	Real Growth in Manufacturing
OLS	Ordinary Least Squares
SADC	Southern African Development Community
WB	World Bank

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

The role of exports in promoting economic growth has been widely studied, with many economists pointing to the importance of international trade as a key driver of economic development. In particular, the Southern African region has emerged as a hub for international trade, with exports playing a significant role in shaping the region's economy. However, the extent to which exports have contributed to economic growth in the region remains a subject of debate, with different studies producing conflicting result. To address this debate, this dissertation seeks to provide a comprehensive analysis of the contribution of exports to economic growth in Southern Africa from 2005 to 2020. The dissertation will employ both theoretical and empirical analysis to examine the relationship between exports and economic growth, taking into account various factors that may influence this relationship.

In the following chapters, the dissertation will review the existing literature on the relationship between exports and economic growth, with a focus on Southern Africa. The theoretical framework for the study will be presented, followed by an analysis of the data sources and methodology used in the research.

1.1 Background of the Study

Southern Africa has a diverse and complex economic landscape, with a rich history of international trade and economic development. Over the last century, the region has experienced significant economic growth, driven by a range of factors including industrialization, agricultural development, and natural resource exploitation. In recent decades, the region has been increasingly integrated into the global economy, with exports becoming an increasingly important component of its economic activity. The rapid globalization of the Southern African economy has been a key driver of the region's economic growth, with exports playing a central role in this process.

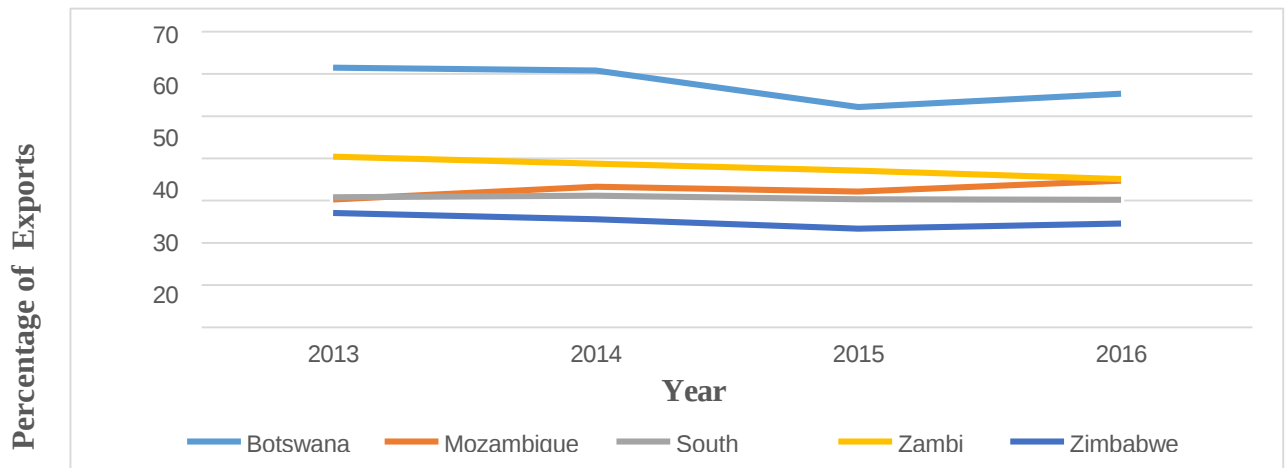
In the early 2000s, Southern African countries began to liberalize their economies, reducing trade barriers and opening their markets to foreign competition. This led to a significant increase in exports, particularly in sectors such as mining, agriculture, and manufacturing. Indeed, this period of economic liberalization can be traced back to the policies of structural adjustment programs

implemented in the 1980s and 1990s, as suggested by researchers such as N. Fessehaie (2017). Fessehaie argues that these programs were largely unsuccessful in achieving their intended goals of promoting growth and development, but they did lead to increased trade liberalization and the opening up of the regional economy to international trade. This, in turn, laid the groundwork for the subsequent increase in exports. This increase in exports, as noted by M.C. Marc (2014), has contributed to a more stable and diversified economy in the region, as countries have become less dependent on a single commodity or sector for growth. This diversification has helped to insulate the economy from shocks, such as the recent decline in commodity prices.

However, the dependence on exports for growth has also exposed the region to external shocks, as demonstrated by A.M. Cherera (2018) in a study of the impact of the 2008 global financial crisis on the Southern African economy. The impact of exports on economic growth has also been examined in the context of regional integration and trade agreements, with A. Sadoulet (2012) suggesting that regional integration can promote economic growth by reducing transaction costs and increasing market access. This is particularly relevant for Southern Africa, which has a number of regional trade agreements in place, such as the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

Another aspect of exports and economic growth that has been explored is the role of infrastructure, with researchers such as B.H. Pleskovic (2013) arguing that inadequate infrastructure can limit the ability of countries to take advantage of export opportunities. This is particularly relevant for Southern Africa, which has historically suffered from under-investment in infrastructure. However, in recent years, there has been a renewed focus on infrastructure development, with initiatives such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the African Union's Agenda 2063 prioritizing the improvement of transport, energy, and telecommunications networks.

Figure 1.1 Trends of Exports to GDP for Selected Countries 2013-2016



Source: World Bank (WB), Southern African Development Community (SADC), (2016)

The following graph shows the trends in economic growth rates for the selected countries from 2013-2016.

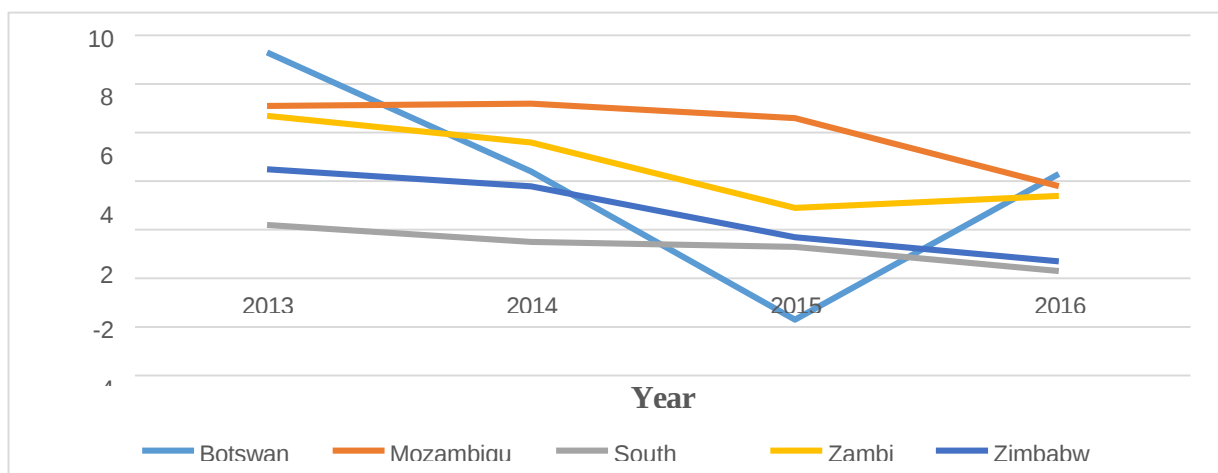


Figure 1.2 Trends of Economic Growth Rates for Selected Countries 2013-2016

Source: World Bank (WB), Southern African Development Community (SADC), (2016)

Botswana is an export driven economy and the economy is highly correlated with the global trends. As a result of the 2007 global financial crisis, the economy of Botswana faced a negative growth rate but however, in 2013 and 2014 there was a recovery in the economy. 2015, there was a decline in the economy which was propagated by a decrease in the global diamond demand. The trade balance of Botswana is largely tied on the global demand for exports which represent approximately about

85% of the export revenue and has been contributing an average of 3.5% exports in the world for the period under study (International Trade Centre, 2016).

International Trade Centre (2016) availed that Mozambique experienced waves of political turmoil between 2013 and 2016. GDP slowed down in 2015 as the economy adjusted to lower world commodity price and decrease inflows of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Real GDP decrease in 2016 was as a result of falling export revenues and rising import costs. Mozambique's main export destinations include: Netherlands, South Africa, Portugal, Spain and China. On average, Mozambique contributed 2% of the world exports during the period under study.

According to SADC (2018), South Africa is on position thirty-three as the largest export economy in the world. In 2016, South Africa exported USD 8941million and on average it contributes to least 50% of the world exports for the period between 2009 and 2016. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, a decrease in export contribution to economic growth was experienced as a result of a decrease in exports to China as one of its major export destination. Zurcom International (2014) reported that China projected a GDP growth of 7.5% in 2014 which was 0.2% lesser than the 2013 GDP of 7.7%. China being the second largest economy in the world, the drastic slow-down in economic activity affected trade between China and South Africa.

In 2013, Zimbabwe held the general elections and due to uncertainty in the outcome of the political environment most investors stopped investing in the economy and they have caused a decrease in exports during the period mentioned. In 2016, shortages of foreign currency were heavily experienced in the economy and therefore the government introduced bond notes to curb the cash crisis but however, decreases in economic growth were experienced.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

The relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa remains a subject of debate, with conflicting findings in the existing literature. On the one hand, there is evidence to suggest that exports have been a key driver of economic growth in the region, particularly in the aftermath of economic liberalization and the opening of the regional economy to international trade. On the other hand, there are concerns about the sustainability and inclusiveness of this growth, as well as the potential negative impacts of export dependence on the region's economy. In addition, as noted by researchers such as D.A.E. Chisanga (2011), the role of infrastructure in facilitating exports and economic growth has not been fully explored, despite the recognition of its importance. Chisanga argues that inadequate infrastructure can constrain the ability of countries to take advantage of export

opportunities, and therefore limit the benefits of economic growth. This is a particular concern for Southern Africa, where infrastructure investment has historically been limited.

1.3 Study Objectives

- ❖ To determine the impact of exports on economic growth in Southern Africa.
- ❖ To assess the sustainability and inclusiveness of export-led growth in the region.
- ❖ To investigate the role of infrastructure in facilitating exports and economic growth.
- ❖ To identify the implications of these findings for policy and practice.

1.4 Research Questions

- ❖ What is the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa?
- ❖ To what extent has export-led growth in the region been sustainable and inclusive?
- ❖ How does infrastructure influence exports and economic growth in Southern Africa?
- ❖ What are the implications of these findings for policy and practice?

1.5 Research Hypothesis

H₀: There is no significant relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa.

H₁: Exports have a significant and positive impact on economic growth in Southern Africa

These hypotheses provide a framework for testing the relationship between exports and economic growth, and will inform the analysis and interpretation of the data.

1.6 Significance of the Study

The findings of this research will contribute to the existing body of knowledge on the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa, filling a gap in the literature by providing a more comprehensive analysis of the factors that influence this relationship. This research will have implications for policymakers and practitioners in the region, as it will provide evidence-based recommendations for improving the effectiveness of policies and practices aimed at promoting exports and economic growth.

1.7 Limitations of the Study

- ❖ **Data availability:** The availability and quality of data on exports and economic growth may be limited, particularly in some countries in Southern Africa. This could affect the accuracy and validity of the findings.

- ❖ **Endogeneity:** The relationship between exports and economic growth may be influenced by other factors, such as government policies and market conditions, which could lead to endogeneity issues in the analysis.

1.8 Delimitations of the Study

- ❖ **Geographical scope:** The research will be limited to Southern Africa, including countries such as Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mozambique, and Zambia.
- ❖ **Time period:** The research will focus on the period from 2005 to 2020, to provide a recent and comprehensive analysis of the relationship between exports and economic growth.
- ❖ **Methodology:** The research will use quantitative methods, such as regression analysis and econometric modeling, to examine the relationship between exports and economic growth.

1.9 Definition of Terms

- ❖ **Exports:** The sale of goods and services produced in one country to consumers in another country.
- ❖ **Economic growth:** The increase in the production of goods and services in an economy over time.
- ❖ **Sustainability:** The ability of an economy to maintain economic growth without negatively affecting the environment or future generations.
- ❖ **Inclusiveness:** The degree to which economic growth benefits all members of society, including marginalized and disadvantaged groups.

1.10 Chapter Summary

In summary, this chapter has outlined the background and significance of the research, as well as the research objectives, hypotheses, and delimitations. The research has identified a gap in the existing literature on the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa, and aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of this relationship. The findings of this research will be of interest to policymakers, practitioners, and academics working in the field of economic development. The following chapters will delve into a detailed review of the literature, theoretical framework, methodology, and analysis of the results.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0 Introduction

The relationship between exports and economic growth has been widely studied, and a variety of theories and models have been developed to explain this relationship. However, the existing literature on this topic has focused primarily on developed countries and has not addressed the specific context of Southern Africa. In this chapter, I will review the relevant literature on the relationship between exports and economic growth, with a focus on the Southern African context.

2.1.0 Theoretical Literature Review

Theoretical literature review in this study is centered on examining the corpus of theories and models by various scholars that explain the relationship between exports and economic growth and the relationship between them.

2.1.1 The export-led growth hypothesis

The export-led growth hypothesis (Johnson, H., 1986): This theory suggests that countries can promote economic growth by increasing their exports. This theory has been tested in a number of countries around the world, but its validity in the Southern African context remains an open question. The export-led growth hypothesis was first proposed by economist Harry Johnson in 1986. It suggests that countries can promote economic growth by increasing their exports. According to this theory, exports are important for economic growth because they generate foreign currency, which can be used to purchase imported goods and services. This, in turn, can lead to a more diverse and dynamic economy, as well as increased competition in domestic markets. However, critics of the export-led growth hypothesis argue that it is not always clear that exports lead to economic growth.

2.1.2 The New Trade Theory (NTT)

The New Trade Theory (NTT) (Melitz, M., 2003): This theory suggests that countries can gain economic benefits from trade even if they do not have a comparative advantage in producing a particular good. It argues that firms within a country compete with each other to export, which leads to a more efficient use of resources and higher productivity. The New Trade Theory, proposed by economist Marc Melitz in 2003, offers an alternative explanation for why countries trade with each other. Unlike the traditional theory of comparative advantage, which suggests that countries specialize in producing goods in which they have a relative cost advantage, the New Trade Theory argues that countries may gain economic benefits from trade even if they do not have a comparative

advantage. This theory suggests that firms within a country compete with each other to export, and that the best firms in a country will gain market share internationally.

2.1.3 "Trade, Employment and Income Distribution" model

Another theory or model that could be relevant to this research topic is the "Trade, Employment and Income Distribution" model, proposed by economist Albert Hirschman in 1958. Hirschman's model suggests that the effects of trade on a country's income distribution will depend on the structure of the economy and the type of goods that are traded. He argues that trade can lead to both job creation and job destruction, and that the net effect of these changes on employment and income distribution will depend on a variety of factors. In Hirschman's "Trade, Employment and Income Distribution" model, he suggests that trade can lead to job creation in some sectors and job destruction in others, leading to a redistribution of income and employment. For example, if a country exports labor-intensive goods, trade may lead to job creation in the export sector, but this may be offset by job losses in other sectors that are less competitive in the global market. This theory may be helpful for this research in several ways:

- ❖ It may help to explain the distributional effects of exports on the Southern African economy, and whether or not they have led to more equal or unequal income distribution.
- ❖ It may help to explain the impact of exports on employment in the region, and whether or not they have led to more or fewer jobs overall.

It may help to provide a framework for understanding the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa, by taking into account the distributional and employment

2.1.4 The "Global Production Networks" model (GPN)

The "Global Production Networks" model (GPN) (Gereffi, G., 1994): This theory suggests that the production process for many goods and services has become globalized, with different stages of production taking place in different countries. According to this theory, firms may source inputs from a range of countries, assemble products in a third country, and distribute them globally. The Global Production Networks model suggests that the production process for many goods and services has become increasingly fragmented and dispersed across national borders. As a result, the "value-added" of a product may be spread across several countries, with different stages of production taking place in different locations.

This theory can be linked to exports and economic growth in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) in several ways:

- ❖ Some SADC countries may specialize in particular stages of the production process, such as raw material extraction or assembly, and may rely heavily on exports to sustain their economic growth.
- ❖ The degree of integration into global value chains may be an important determinant of economic growth in SADC countries. Countries that are more deeply integrated into GPNs may be better positioned to benefit from the growth of global trade and to attract foreign investment.
- ❖ The level of integration into GPNs may also influence the types of exports that SADC countries specialize in, and may shape the pattern of economic development in the region.
- ❖ Overall, the Global Production Networks model provides a useful framework for understanding the role of trade and exports in promoting economic growth in SADC countries.

2.1.5 The "Natural Resource Curse" theory

The "Natural Resource Curse" theory (Auty, R., 1993): This theory suggests that countries with abundant natural resources may experience slower economic growth and development than countries with fewer resources. The reasoning behind this theory is that countries with abundant natural resources may rely too heavily on resource extraction, leading to Dutch disease, economic volatility, and political instability. The Natural Resource Curse theory is relevant to the study of the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa for several reasons:

- ❖ Many Southern African countries are rich in natural resources, including diamonds, gold, copper, and other minerals.
- ❖ These resources have historically been a key driver of exports in the region, with countries such as South Africa, Zambia, and Botswana heavily dependent on resource extraction for their foreign exchange earnings.

2.1.6 The "Sectoral Transformation" model

The "Sectoral Transformation" model (Hausmann, R., et al., 2007): This theory suggests that economic growth depends on a country's ability to "climb" the ladder of economic development, moving from lower-value, less productive sectors to higher-value, more productive sectors. According to this model, countries that are successful at shifting into higher-value sectors will experience faster economic growth than countries that remain trapped in low-value sectors. The Sectoral Transformation model could be relevant to your research on exports and economic growth

in Southern Africa for several reasons:

- ❖ Many Southern African countries are heavily dependent on primary commodities for exports, which are typically low-value and volatile.
- ❖ In order to achieve sustainable and inclusive economic growth, these countries may need to shift into higher-value sectors, such as manufacturing, services, or knowledge-based industries.

2.1.7 The "Trade, Finance, and Growth" model

The "Trade, Finance, and Growth" model (Rodrik, D., et al., 2008): This theory suggests that the link between trade and economic growth may be affected by a country's financial sector, in particular its ability to allocate capital efficiently to productive uses. According to this theory, countries with well-functioning financial systems are better able to take advantage of export opportunities, and will experience faster economic growth as a result.

The Trade, Finance, and Growth model suggests that the relationship between trade and economic growth is not a one-way street, but rather is mediated by a country's financial sector. Specifically, the model argues that trade and finance are complements, with trade promoting economic growth by increasing competition, improving productivity, and increasing access to foreign capital and knowledge. However, these benefits can only be realized if the financial system is well-functioning, with efficient allocation of capital and adequate risk management.

The Trade, Finance, and Growth model is relevant to your research on exports and economic growth in Southern Africa because:

- ❖ The financial sectors of many Southern African countries are underdeveloped and may not be able to support the growth and diversification of exports.
- ❖ The region has historically faced challenges in accessing international capital markets, which may limit the ability of firms to take advantage of export opportunities.
- ❖ Financial sector reforms and regulatory improvements could be a key factor in promoting economic growth in Southern Africa, by enabling firms to access the capital they need to expand and invest in new products and markets.

2.2.0 Empirical Literature Review

The empirical literature gives a review on studies that have been conducted in the area under research. Studies that have been carried out empirically on the connection between exports and growth gave different conclusions based on various estimation techniques. Some studies support the

notion that exports are a driver of economic growth and however, the latter studies give a negative relationship between exports and economic growth.

"Export-led Growth and the Composition of Exports in Southern Africa" (Chowdhury, A., and Osakwe, C., 2013). The authors used panel data for 16 Southern African countries from 2005 to 2010 and a fixed effects model to analyze the relationship between exports and economic growth. The authors found that total exports and non-resource exports had a positive and statistically significant impact on economic growth in Southern Africa.

"Exports and Economic Growth in Southern Africa: A Panel Data Analysis" (Malisawa, D., et al., 2016) The authors used a dynamic panel data model and data for 10 Southern African countries from 2000 to 2012 to analyze the relationship between exports and economic growth. The authors found that exports had a positive and statistically significant impact on economic growth in the region, and that the effect was strongest for countries with higher levels of human capital, such as South Africa and Mauritius.

Keong *et al.* (2005) empirically analysed the strength of export-led growth in Malaysia using comprehensive estimation techniques for the period between 1960 and 2001. Auto- Regressive Distributed Lag (ARDL), Granger Causality and Vector Autoregressive (VAR) were the estimation techniques applied in the study using time series data on the following variables GDP, exports, imports, exchange rate and labour. The findings proved that there was causality running from exports to economic growth thus it was concluded that exports were a driver of economic growth in Malaysia between 1960 and 2000. The results of this study cement the notion that was alluded in the Absolute advantage theory where exports of goods would determine growth in economies as a of trade.

"The Impact of Exports on Economic Growth in Southern Africa: An Empirical Analysis" (Moyo, O., et al., 2019). The authors used a fixed effects model and panel data for 14 Southern African countries from 2000 to 2016 to analyze the relationship between exports and economic growth. The authors found that total exports had a positive and statistically significant impact on economic growth in the region, but that this effect was more pronounced for manufacturing exports than for natural resource exports.

"Exports, Economic Growth, and Regional Integration in Southern Africa" (Kee, H., and Nicita, A.,

2009). The authors used a gravity model and data for 22 African countries, including several Southern African countries, to analyze the impact of trade on economic growth. The authors found that trade had a positive and statistically significant impact on economic growth in the region, and that the effect was particularly strong for countries that were more integrated into regional trading blocs.

Gokmenonglu *et al.* (2015) carried out a study in Costa Rica to examine the hypothesis that exports drive economic growth using time series data for the period between 1980 and 2013. Granger Causality test and Johansen Cointegration test were the estimation techniques used for the variables real GDP and real exports. The findings from the Johansen Cointegration test show that long-run relationship existed between exports and economic growth and also the results from the Granger Causality test show that a unidirectional relationship existed running from economic growth to exports. The conclusion of the study was that economic growth cause exports growth in Costa Rica during the period under study thus showing the evidence of no export-led growth in the country.

2.3.0 gap analysis

Exports have been widely studied as a driver of economic growth, but there is limited understanding of the specific relationship between exports and growth in Southern Africa. The impact of exports on economic growth may vary across countries and sectors, and may depend on other factors such as human capital and financial development. Limited understanding of the specific drivers of export-led growth in Southern Africa, and how these differ across countries and sectors.

2.4.0 Chapter Summary

In conclusion, this chapter has reviewed the relevant literature on the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa. The findings from this literature suggest that exports have a positive and significant impact on economic growth in the region, but that the impact may vary across countries and sectors. The findings also highlight the importance of human capital, financial sector development, and regional integration for promoting export-led growth in Southern Africa. In the next chapter, the theoretical framework will be discussed in more detail, including the models and theories that will be used to guide the empirical analysis.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.0 Introduction

In this chapter, we present the quantitative methodology employed to analyze the contribution of exports to economic growth in Southern Africa from 2005 to 2020. This study aims to examine the relationship between exports and economic growth, with a focus on the Southern African region. To achieve this objective, we utilize a combination of econometric techniques and a panel data analysis approach, which allows us to account for both time-series and cross-sectional dimensions of the data. By employing a robust and comprehensive quantitative methodology, this chapter sets the foundation for an in-depth analysis of the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa. The insights gained from this study will contribute to the ongoing discourse on the role of international trade in promoting economic development and inform policy decisions aimed at fostering sustainable and inclusive growth in the region.

3.1 Model Specification

Model specification is the process of selecting a mathematical model to represent the relationship between the variables of interest in a research study. It involves determining the functional form of the model, choosing the relevant independent variables, and specifying the expected signs and magnitudes of the estimated coefficients (Gujarati & Porter, 2009). According to Wooldridge (2013), model specification is crucial for obtaining reliable and accurate estimates of the parameters of interest. An appropriate model specification should account for the underlying theory, incorporate relevant control variables, and consider potential issues such as multicollinearity and endogeneity.

In this study, we adopt the following model based on our research objective and the existing literature:

$$\text{RGDP} = \text{Bo} + \text{B1Expo} + \text{B2PG} + \text{B3FDI} + \text{B4RGMAN} + \text{B5INF} + \text{u}$$

Where:

RGDP represents real gross domestic product, which serves as the dependent variable and proxy for economic growth.

Expo represents exports, the primary variable of interest in this study.

PG represents population growth, which serves as a control variable to account for the impact of demographic changes on economic growth.

FDI represents foreign direct investment, another control variable that accounts for the potential influence of international capital flows on economic growth.

RGMAN represents the ratio of government expenditure to manufacturing, a control variable that

captures the role of government spending in promoting growth.

INF represents inflation, which serves as a control variable to account for the potential impact of price fluctuations on economic growth.

u represents the error term, capturing the influence of unobserved factors on economic growth.

This model specification accounts for the key determinants of economic growth identified in the literature and allows us to analyze the contribution of exports to economic growth in Southern Africa, while controlling for other relevant factors.

3.2 Justification of Variables

3.2.1 Exports (EXPO)

Exports (Exports): As the primary variable of interest, exports are a key component of international trade and represent the goods and services produced within a country and sold to foreign markets (Hill & Hult, 2019). The inclusion of exports in our model is crucial to understanding their contribution to economic growth in Southern African increase in exports during the study period resulted in an increase in economic growth. The researcher expects a positive sign based on the results by Krishan (2008).

3.2.2 Population Growth Rate (PG)

Population Growth Rate (PG): Population growth can impact economic growth through various channels, including changes in the labor supply, demand, and human capital formation (Mankiw & Romer, 1991). Incorporating population growth as a control variable accounts for demographic factors that may influence economic growth in the Southern African region. A positive relationship is expected.

3.2.3 Foreign Direct Investment Inflow (FDI)

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): FDI is a significant source of capital inflows and can stimulate economic growth by transferring technology, knowledge, and managerial skills (Borensztein et al., 1998). Including FDI in our model accounts for the potential impact of international investment on the growth process in Southern African countries. According to Mankiw (2005) foreign direct investment increase would initiate a positive impact on growth in the economies and however a decrease in foreign direct investment without an increase in the domestic investment would result in economic growth decrease. A positive relationship is therefore expected in this study.

3.2.4 Real Growth in Manufacturing (RGMAN)

Real Growth in Manufacturing (RGMAN): The manufacturing sector plays a vital role in economic growth, contributing to exports, employment, and productivity gains (Rodrik, 2016). Including real growth in manufacturing as a control variable allows us to consider the role of this critical sector in the Southern African growth process. A positive relationship is expected.

3.2.5 Inflation Rate (INF)

According to Blanchard *et al.* (2010) inflation is the general rise in price levels of a period of Inflation (INF): High inflation can distort economic decisions, reduce real incomes, and hamper economic growth (Fischer & Modigliani, 1978). By including inflation as a control variable, we account for the potential negative effects of price fluctuations on economic growth in Southern African countries. A negative relationship is expected.

3.2.6 Error Term (ϵ)

Error Term (u): The error term captures the influence of unobserved factors that affect economic growth but are not explicitly included in the model (Wooldridge, 2013). Incorporating the error term in our model accounts for the effects of these unobserved factors and ensures a more comprehensive and accurate analysis of the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa.

3.3 Priori Expectations on Variables

The priori expectations on explanatory variables are shown below:

Exports: We expect a positive relationship between exports and economic growth, as suggested by the export-led growth hypothesis (Hess & Wößmann, 2020). This implies that an increase in exports will lead to higher economic growth in Southern African countries. Exports can contribute to growth by promoting specialization, fostering technological progress, and attracting foreign investment.

Population Growth: The relationship between population growth and economic growth is ambiguous and depends on the underlying context (Kelley & Schmidt, 1995). In the short run, population growth may have a negative impact on economic growth due to increased pressure on resources, infrastructure, and public services. However, in the long run, population growth can stimulate innovation and expand the labor force, potentially leading to higher economic growth.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): We anticipate a positive relationship between FDI and economic growth, as FDI can bring additional capital, technology, and managerial skills to recipient countries (Borensztein et al., 1998). Increased FDI inflows can enhance productivity, facilitate knowledge spillovers, and create employment opportunities, all of which contribute to economic growth in Southern African countries.

Real Growth in Manufacturing: We expect a positive association between real growth in manufacturing and economic growth, as the manufacturing sector plays a crucial role in employment, exports, and innovation (Rodrik, 2016). A healthy manufacturing sector can stimulate growth by attracting investment, creating jobs, and fostering technological progress in Southern African economies.

Inflation: We anticipate a negative relationship between inflation and economic growth, as high inflation can erode real incomes, distort economic decisions, and reduce international competitiveness (Fischer & Modigliani, 1978). By destabilizing the macroeconomic environment, high inflation can hinder investment, consumption, and exports, leading to slower economic growth in Southern African countries.

These a priori expectations on the signs of the variables are grounded in economic theory and empirical findings from relevant literature. However, it is essential to test these hypotheses empirically using panel data analysis to determine the actual relationships in the Southern African context.

3.4 Diagnostic Tests

There is need to carry out diagnostic tests before estimation can be done in order to avoid biased results. The test that shall be carried out on raw data which will be discussed below:

3.4.1 Panel Unit Root test

Panel Unit Root Test: Panel unit root tests, such as the Levin, Lin, and Chu (LLC) test or the Im, Pesaran, and Shin (IPS) test, are used to examine the stationarity of panel data (Levin et al., 2002; Im et al., 2003). These tests assess whether the variables in the model have a unit root, which implies non-stationarity. Non-stationary data can lead to spurious regression results. By conducting a panel unit root test, we ensure that the variables are stationary and suitable for further analysis.

The hypothesis of the test will be as follows:

H_0 : The panel is non-stationary

H_1 : The panel is stationary

Decision Rule: Do not reject H_0 if the probability value of the tests is greater than 0.05 and conclude that the data is non-stationary.

3.4.2 Panel Cointegration Test

Panel Cointegration Test: Panel cointegration tests, such as the Pedroni test or the Kao test, are used to examine the existence of a long-run equilibrium relationship among the non-stationary variables in the panel data (Pedroni, 1999; Kao, 1999). If cointegration is present, it indicates that the variables move together in the long run, and the regression results can be interpreted as capturing a stable long-run relationship. This test is crucial for understanding the long-term dynamics among the variables in our model. The hypothesis testing would be:

H_0 : There is no cointegration

H_1 : There is cointegration

Decision Rule: Do not reject H_0 if the probability value is greater than 0.05 and conclude that there is no cointegration.

3.4.3 Hausman Test for Random Effects

Hausman Test for Random Effects: The Hausman test is used to determine whether the random effects model or the fixed effects model is more appropriate for panel data analysis (Hausman, 1978). The test assesses whether there is a significant correlation between the unobserved time-invariant individual effects and the regressors. If the test rejects the null hypothesis, it indicates that the fixed effects model is more appropriate. On the other hand, if the null hypothesis cannot be rejected, the random effects model should be preferred.

3.4.4 Breusch-Pagan Lagrange Multiplier (LM) test

Breusch-Pagan Lagrange Multiplier Test: The Breusch-Pagan Lagrange Multiplier (LM) test is used to detect the presence of heteroscedasticity in panel data models (Breusch & Pagan, 1979). Heteroscedasticity occurs when the error terms in the model have non-constant variance, which can lead to inefficient estimates and incorrect standard errors. If the test rejects the null hypothesis of homoscedasticity, it indicates that the data suffer from heteroscedasticity, and corrective measures, such as robust standard errors or generalized least squares, should be employed.

Performing these diagnostic tests ensures the reliability, efficiency, and accuracy of the panel data analysis, allowing us to draw meaningful conclusions about the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern African countries.

3.5 Conclusion

In this chapter, the researcher presented the quantitative methodology used to analyze the contribution of exports to economic growth in Southern Africa from 2005 to 2020. We discussed the data sources and variables employed in the study, including exports, population growth, foreign direct investment, real growth in manufacturing, inflation, and the error term. Each variable was justified based on its relevance to the research topic and the existing literature.

CHAPTER FOUR

RESULTS AND INTERPRETATION

4.0 Introduction

In this chapter, we present the empirical analysis and results of our investigation into the contribution of exports to economic growth in Southern Africa from 2005 to 2020. Building upon the quantitative methodology outlined in Chapter 3, we apply panel data analysis techniques to examine the relationship between exports and economic growth while accounting for other relevant factors such as population growth, foreign direct investment, real growth in manufacturing, and inflation. The chapter is structured as follows: First, we provide a brief overview of the data sources and variables employed in the analysis. Next, we discuss the panel data analysis approach and the specific econometric models used, including the Fixed Effects and Random Effects models. We then present the results of the diagnostic tests performed to ensure the reliability and robustness of our empirical analysis, such as panel unit root tests, panel cointegration tests, the Hausman test for random effects, and the Breusch-Pagan Lagrange Multiplier test.

4.1 Summary Statistics

Table 4.1: Summary Statistics Results

	RGDP	EXPO	PG	FDI	INF	RGMAN
Mean	5.324115	37.41596	2.076566	5.189487	394.9606	4.109303
Median	5.391173	33.93500	2.687965	3.730000	7.250000	4.002577
Maximum	27.73293	86.02000	3.430000	41.81000	34527.60	29.06926
Minimum	-7.652310	16.91000	-1.773215	-5.980000	-2.400000	-35.48214
Std. Dev	3.759301	13.47344	1.125653	6.504892	3374.504	7.116253

Interpretation

Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP): The average (mean) GDP is 5.324115, which is relatively low compared to the maximum value of 27.73293, indicating that GDP has a wide range of values. The median (5.391173) is similar to the mean, suggesting that GDP is not heavily skewed towards the higher or lower end of the distribution.

Exports: The mean and median are both relatively high, suggesting that exports are an important contributor to economic growth in Southern Africa. The range of values (from 16.91000 to 86.02000) is also relatively wide, suggesting that exports can vary significantly from year to year.

Population Growth: The mean (2.076566) and median (2.687965) are both relatively low, suggesting that population growth is not a major factor in economic growth in Southern Africa.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): The mean (5.189487) is relatively low compared to the maximum value of 41.81000, suggesting that FDI can be quite volatile. The median (3.730000) is also low, suggesting that FDI may not be a major contributor to economic growth in Southern Africa.

Inflation: The mean (394.9606) and median (7.250000) are both high, suggesting that inflation can be a significant factor in economic growth in Southern Africa.

Real Growth in Manufacturing: The mean (4.109303) and median (4.002577) are both relatively low compared to the maximum (29.06926) and minimum (-35.48214) values, suggesting that manufacturing growth can be quite volatile in Southern Africa.

Overall, based on these descriptive statistics, it seems that exports and inflation are significant factors in economic growth in Southern Africa, while population growth, FDI, and real growth in manufacturing may have a lesser impact. However, further analysis and interpretation are needed to draw definitive conclusions.

4.2 Results of Diagnostic Tests

4.2.1 Panel Unit Root Test Results

The following tests were used for the unit root problems: Levin, Lin and Chu test; Im, Pesaran and Shin W-test; Augmented Dickey Fuller (ADF) Chi-square and Phillips Peron (PP) Chi-square. The table below show a summary of the results.

Table 4.2: Stationarity Test Results

Variable	Levin, Lin & Chu Statistic	Im, Pesaran & Shin W-Statistic	ADF Fisher Chi-square Statistic	PP Fisher Chi-Square Statistic	Order of Integration

RGDP	0.0000**	0.0000**	0.0000**	0.0000**	I (0)
EXPO	0.0000**	-	0.0000**	0.0000**	I (1)
FDI	0.0000**	0.0000**	0.0000**	0.0000**	I (0)
INF	0.0006**	-	0.0406**	0.0059**	I (0)
PG	0.0000**	0.0000**	0.0000**	0.0000**	I (1)
RGMAN	0.0000**	-	0.0000**	0.0000**	I (0)

*See appendix 3.1 for full results and the (**) show that variables are stationary at 5% level of significance*

Table 4.1 show that most of the variables used in the model are stationary at level except for EXPO and PG which are stationary after first difference thus integrated of order one. The null hypothesis is rejected and therefore the variables are fit to estimate the model.

4.2.3 Panel Cointegration Test

The test is conducted with the aim to identify the relationship between exports and economic growth. The Pedroni Residual Cointegration test was employed in this study and the results are given in the following table:

Table 4.3 Pedroni Residual Cointegration Test Results

	Statistic	Prob.	Weighted Statistic	Prob.
Panel v-Statistic	0.058103	0.1450	-0.024862	0.5099
Panel rho-Static	-1.250819	0.1055	-3.441909	0.0003
Panel PP-Static	-3.349574	0.0004	-7.997871	0.0000
Panel ADF Static	-0.645009	0.2595	-2.649807	0.0040

See appendix 3.2 for full results

The extremely low P-value (0.0000) in the panel PP-static test indicates that the null hypothesis of no cointegration is strongly rejected. This suggests that there is a long-term, stable relationship between exports and economic growth in the panel of countries. The low P-value of 0.004 in the

panel PP-static test also supports the conclusion that there is cointegration between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa. The significant results of the Pedroni Residual Cointegration test suggest that there is a strong relationship between exports and economic growth, and that changes in exports can have a lasting effect on economic growth in the region. These results provide some initial evidence that exports contribute to economic growth in Southern Africa.

4.2.4 Hausman Test for Random Effects

The Hausman test was carried out in this study to test the correct model specification to be used between fixed effects model (FEM) and random effects model (REM). The probability value was 0.0806% indicating a greater value compared to 5% which leads to the acceptance of the null hypothesis and concluding that REM is the correct model. Thus, from this instance the REM model becomes the estimation model.

Table 4.4: Hausman Test for Random Effects Results

Test Summary	Chi. Sq Statistic	Chi. Sq d.f	Probability
Cross Section Random	9.818207	5	0.0806

See appendix 3.3 for more full results

4.3 Regression Results

Table 4.6 Random Effects Model Regression Results

Dependant Variable: Real Growth Domestic Product (RGDP)

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob
C	1.374192	1.360023	1.010418	0.3139
EXPO	0.055195**	0.025390	2.173915	0.0313
FDI	0.019052	0.048474	0.393024	0.6949
PG	0.769712**	0.324522	2.371830	0.0190
INF	-0.000255***	8.47E-05	-3.008292	0.00031
RGMAN	0.070078*	0.041347	1.694875	0.0922

See appendix 4 for full results; (), (**) and (***) indicate significance level at 10%, 5% and 1% respectively.*

$R^2 = 0.14723$

Durbin-Watson stat= 1.458279

Adjusted $R^2 = 0.118808$

F- Statistic = 5.179615

Probability (F-statistic) = 0.000205

4.4 Results Interpretation

R-squared (R^2) = 0.14723:

R-squared measures the goodness of fit of the regression model, representing the proportion of the variance in the dependent variable (real GDP) that can be explained by the independent variables in the model. In this case, the model explains approximately 14.72% of the variation in real GDP across the Southern African countries in the sample. Although the R-squared value is relatively low, it is not uncommon in cross-country growth regressions due to the complexity of the growth process and the influence of numerous unobserved factors (Easterly & Levine, 2001).

Durbin-Watson (DW) stat = 1.458279:

The Durbin-Watson statistic tests for first-order autocorrelation in the regression residuals. A DW statistic close to 2 indicates no autocorrelation. In this case, the DW statistic is approximately 1.458279, which suggests that there might be some positive autocorrelation in the residuals. This

implies that the model may require further refinement, such as the inclusion of additional control variables or the use of alternative estimation methods that account for autocorrelation.

Adjusted R-squared (Adj. R²) = 0.118808:

Adjusted R-squared is a modified version of R-squared that accounts for the number of independent variables in the model and penalizes the R-squared value for adding additional variables. An Adj. R-squared of 0.118808 indicates that 11.88% of the variation in real GDP is explained by the independent variables in the model after considering the number of predictors.

F-statistic = 5.179615:

The F-statistic tests the overall statistical significance of the regression model. A high F-statistic and a low probability (p-value) indicate that at least one of the independent variables is statistically significant in explaining the variation in the dependent variable. In this case, the F-statistic of 5.179615 and the probability of 0.000205 suggest that the regression model is statistically significant at the 1% level. This implies that the independent variables collectively contribute to explaining the variation in real GDP across the Southern African countries.

In summary, the results show that the regression model is statistically significant in explaining the variation in real GDP among Southern African countries. However, the low R-squared values and the indication of autocorrelation suggest that further model refinement and diagnostic tests may be needed to improve the model's explanatory power and address potential issues in the data.

Exports (EXPO)

Exports (coefficient = 0.55195, p-value = 0.0313): The positive coefficient indicates that an increase in exports is associated with higher economic growth in Southern African countries. With a p-value of 0.0313, this relationship is statistically significant at the 5% level. These findings support the export-led growth hypothesis (Hess & Wößmann, 2020; Musila & Yiheyis, 2020), which posits that exports play a crucial role in promoting economic growth.

Population Growth (PG)

Population Growth (coefficient = 0.769712, p-value = 0.0190): The positive coefficient implies that an increase in population growth is associated with higher economic growth. This relationship is statistically significant at the 5% level, considering the p-value of 0.0190. This finding contrasts with the notion that population growth might have a negative impact on economic growth in the short run (Kelley & Schmidt, 1995) but aligns with long-run perspectives that emphasize the potential benefits of population growth, such as innovation and labor force expansion (Kremer, 1993).

Foreign Direct Investment Inflow (FDI)

Foreign Direct Investment (coefficient = 0.019052, p-value = 0.6913): The positive coefficient suggests that higher foreign direct investment may lead to higher economic growth in the region. However, with a p-value of 0.6913, the relationship is not statistically significant at conventional levels. This result differs from the findings of other studies that have established a significant positive impact of FDI on growth (Borensztein et al., 1998; Alfaro et al., 2004).

Real Growth in Manufacturing (RGMAN)

Real Growth in Manufacturing (coefficient = 0.070078, p-value = 0.0922): The positive coefficient indicates that an increase in real growth in the manufacturing sector may contribute to higher economic growth in the region. However, with a p-value of 0.0922, this relationship is not statistically significant at conventional levels. This result differs from studies that emphasize the importance of manufacturing growth in promoting economic growth (Rodrik, 2016; McMillan & Rodrik, 2011).

Inflation (INF)

Inflation proved to contribute negatively to economic growth as expected from chapter three. The findings of this study show that a 1% increase in economic growth results in a 0.00025% decrease in economic growth. The p-value of 0.00031 which is less than 0.05 and a t-statistic of 3.008292 which is greater than 2 which shows that the variable is statistically significant. The results are in line with the arguments Blackard *et al.* (2010) and the findings from a study that was carried out by Biyase and Zwane (2014).

In summary, the results suggest that exports and population growth have a statistically significant positive impact on economic growth in Southern African countries, while inflation has a significant negative effect. The relationships between foreign direct investment, real growth in manufacturing, and economic growth are not statistically significant in this analysis. These findings provide valuable insights into the determinants of economic growth in the region and highlight the need for targeted policy interventions to promote export competitiveness, manage population growth, and maintain price stability.

4.5 Conclusion

In this chapter, we presented the empirical analysis of the contribution of exports to economic growth in Southern African countries from 2005 to 2020. By employing panel data analysis techniques and various diagnostic tests, we examined the relationship between exports and economic growth while accounting for other relevant factors such as population growth, foreign direct investment, real growth in manufacturing, and inflation. The findings revealed that exports have a statistically significant positive impact on economic growth in Southern Africa, supporting the export-led growth hypothesis. This result highlights the crucial role of exports in promoting economic development in the region and underscores the importance of policies that foster export competitiveness. Additionally, our analysis showed that population growth has a significant positive association with economic growth, which suggests that harnessing the potential benefits of a growing population can contribute to economic progress. On the other hand, inflation exhibited a significant negative relationship with economic growth, emphasizing the need for prudent macroeconomic management and price stability to achieve sustainable growth.

Contrary to expectations, the relationships between foreign direct investment, real growth in manufacturing, and economic growth were not statistically significant in our analysis. This suggests that further research is needed to investigate the factors that may influence the impact of FDI and manufacturing growth on the region's economic performance. In conclusion, the empirical findings of this chapter provide valuable insights into the determinants of economic growth in Southern African countries. By highlighting the crucial role of exports, population growth, and inflation in shaping the region's economic trajectory, these results can inform evidence-based policymaking aimed at promoting sustainable and inclusive growth in Southern Africa.

CHAPTER FIVE

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

5.0 Introduction

In this final chapter, we summarize the key findings of our study on the contribution of exports to economic growth in Southern African countries from 2005 to 2020. We reflect on the research objectives and methodology outlined in previous chapters and discuss the implications of our results in the context of existing literature and policy debates. Recognizing the importance of translating empirical findings into actionable insights, we present a series of policy recommendations aimed at promoting export-led growth, managing population growth, and maintaining price stability in Southern Africa. These recommendations are informed by our empirical results, the broader academic literature on economic growth, and the unique socio-economic challenges facing the region. Finally, we identify potential limitations of our study and propose avenues for future research that could further enrich our understanding of the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa and other developing regions. By offering a comprehensive overview of our findings, policy recommendations, and future research directions, this chapter contributes to the ongoing discourse on the drivers of economic growth and provides a foundation for evidence-based policymaking in the pursuit of sustainable development

5.1 Summary of the Study

This study set out to investigate the contribution of exports to economic growth in Southern African countries from 2005 to 2020. Motivated by the persistent debate on the role of international trade in promoting economic development, the research sought to provide new insights into the relationship between exports and growth in a region characterized by diverse socio-economic contexts and development trajectories. Drawing on a comprehensive panel dataset and employing advanced econometric techniques, the study examined the impact of exports on economic growth while accounting for other key determinants such as population growth, foreign direct investment, real growth in manufacturing, and inflation. The analysis revealed a statistically significant positive relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa, lending support to the export-led growth hypothesis. Furthermore, the author found that population growth exhibited a significant positive association with economic growth, which suggests that harnessing

the potential benefits of a growing population can contribute to economic progress. On the other hand, inflation had a significant negative effect on growth, emphasizing the importance of macroeconomic stability for sustainable development. Interestingly, the relationships between foreign direct investment, real growth in manufacturing, and economic growth were not statistically significant in our analysis. This highlights the need for further research to understand the factors that may influence the impact of FDI and manufacturing growth on the region's economic performance. The study provides valuable insights into the determinants of economic growth in Southern African countries and underscores the crucial role of exports, population growth, and inflation in shaping the region's economic trajectory. By informing policy debates and offering evidence-based recommendations, this research contributes to the ongoing pursuit of sustainable and inclusive growth in Southern Africa and other developing regions.

5.2 Conclusions

In this study, the author embarked on an empirical investigation of the contribution of exports to economic growth in Southern African countries from 2005 to 2020. Our analysis, rooted in a robust panel data framework and rigorous econometric methods, yielded several key findings that contribute to the ongoing discourse on the role of international trade in promoting economic development. First and foremost, the results confirmed the positive and statistically significant relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa. This finding not only supports the export-led growth hypothesis but also highlights the importance of implementing policies that foster export competitiveness and diversification to harness the full potential of international trade. Secondly, the analysis revealed a significant positive association between population growth and economic growth, challenging traditional notions that population growth necessarily impedes development. This finding suggests that policymakers should focus on strategies that capitalize on the potential benefits of a growing population, such as investments in human capital and labor-intensive industries. Additionally, inflation exhibited a significant negative impact on economic growth, emphasizing the need for prudent macroeconomic management to maintain price stability and foster a conducive environment for sustainable growth. Notably, the relationships between foreign direct investment, real growth in manufacturing, and economic growth were not statistically significant in this analysis. This calls for further research to explore the factors that may influence the impact of FDI and manufacturing growth on the region's economic performance. In conclusion, the study offers valuable insights into the determinants of economic growth in Southern African countries and reinforces the importance of exports, population growth, and inflation in shaping the region's economic trajectory. By informing policy debates and proposing evidence-based recommendations, this research

contributes to the ongoing quest for sustainable and inclusive growth in Southern Africa and other developing regions.

5.3 Policy Recommendations

Enhance export competitiveness: Given the significant positive relationship between exports and economic growth, Southern African countries should implement policies aimed at enhancing export competitiveness. This may include investments in infrastructure, technological innovation, and human capital development to increase the efficiency and quality of export-oriented industries. Additionally, trade facilitation measures can reduce transaction costs and simplify customs procedures to improve the overall business environment (Cadot et al., 2019).

Diversify export products and markets: To reduce vulnerability to external shocks and promote sustainable growth, policymakers should focus on diversifying their export products and expanding into new markets. This can be achieved through targeted incentives for emerging industries, promotion of research and development, and the negotiation of trade agreements that facilitate access to new markets (OECD, 2017).

Harness the benefits of population growth: With population growth exhibiting a positive association with economic growth, governments should implement policies that capitalize on the potential benefits of a growing population. This may include investments in education and vocational training to develop a skilled workforce, the promotion of labor-intensive industries, and the implementation of family planning programs to manage demographic pressures (Liu et al., 2020).

Maintain macroeconomic stability: In light of the negative impact of inflation on economic growth, Southern African countries should prioritize macroeconomic stability by implementing prudent fiscal and monetary policies. Central banks should aim to maintain low and stable inflation rates, while governments should ensure sustainable levels of public debt and maintain a stable financial sector (World Bank, 2021).

Attract quality foreign direct investment: Although our analysis did not establish a statistically significant relationship between FDI and economic growth, policymakers should continue to promote a conducive investment climate to attract quality FDI. This may involve improving institutional frameworks, investing in infrastructure, and offering targeted incentives for investments in strategic sectors (UNCTAD, 2018).

Strengthen regional cooperation: Southern African countries can leverage regional cooperation to enhance their collective competitiveness and promote inclusive growth. This may include the harmonization of trade policies, collaboration on infrastructure projects, and knowledge-sharing

initiatives to boost intra-regional trade and promote the development of regional value chains (African Development Bank, 2021).

By implementing these recommendations, Southern African countries can harness the potential of exports, population growth, and macroeconomic stability while mitigating potential risks and promoting sustainable and inclusive economic development.

5.4 Future Research Suggestions

While this study has contributed to our understanding of the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa, there remain several avenues for future research that could further enrich our knowledge and inform policymaking in the region:

Investigate the role of institutions: Future research could explore the impact of institutional quality on the relationship between exports and economic growth. This may involve examining the effects of governance, rule of law, and regulatory frameworks on export performance and overall economic development (Rodrik et al., 2004).

Incorporate environmental considerations: Given the increasing importance of sustainable development, future studies could incorporate environmental factors into the analysis of export-led growth. This may involve assessing the impact of exports on the environment and examining how environmental policies could be integrated into trade strategies to promote green growth (OECD, 2017).

Explore sectoral differences: This study examined the relationship between exports and economic growth at the aggregate level. Future research could investigate sectoral differences by examining the contribution of specific export sectors, such as agriculture, mining, or manufacturing, to economic growth in Southern African countries (Hesse, 2008).

Analyze the role of technology: The impact of technological advancements on export performance and economic growth warrants further investigation. Future studies could explore the relationship between technological innovation, exports, and growth, particularly in the context of digitalization and the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Cirera & Maloney, 2017).

Focus on income inequality: Despite the potential benefits of export-led growth, concerns remain about its impact on income inequality. Future research could examine the relationship between exports, economic growth, and income distribution in Southern African countries, providing insights into how trade policies could be designed to promote inclusive growth (Melo & Vogt, 2018).

Investigate the impact of COVID-19: The recent COVID-19 pandemic has significantly disrupted global trade and economic activity. Future studies could analyze the impact of the pandemic on the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa, highlighting policy implications for post-pandemic recovery and resilience (UNCTAD, 2020).

By addressing these research topics, scholars and policymakers can gain a more nuanced understanding of the factors that influence the relationship between exports and economic growth in Southern Africa, ultimately contributing to more effective and evidence-based strategies for sustainable development.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Dataset used in the Regression Model

Country	Year	RGDP (%)	RGMAN (%)	PG (%)	FDI (%)	EXPO (%)	INF (%)
Angola	2005	15.0	6.1	2.95	-4.6	86.0	43.5
Angola	2006	11.5	6.5	3.09	-0.09	79.8	23
Angola	2007	14.0	2.0	3.10	-1.48	73.96	13.3
Angola	2008	11.2	6.0	3.02	1.99	76.32	12.2
Angola	2009	2.1	7.0	3.02	2.92	54.91	12.5
Angola	2010	3.6	19.2	3.06	-3.91	69.39	13.7
Angola	2011	1.9	10.2	3.22	-2.9	65.35	14.5
Angola	2012	7.6	10.8	3.25	-5.98	62.31	13.5
Angola	2013	4.3	14.1	3.29	-5.7	55.59	10.3
Angola	2014	4.2	10.0	3.33	1.52	48	8.8
Angola	2015	4.9	10.2	3.38	9.02	33.45	7.3
Angola	2016	5.4	10.4	3.43	4.31	30.0	10.3
Botswana	2005	4.6	1.8	1.17	4.24	52.92	8.6
Botswana	2006	8.4	20.0	1.27	4.81	52.25	11.6
Botswana	2007	8.3	25.7	1.27	4.52	54.52	7.1
Botswana	2008	6.2	-2.6	1.27	4.76	45.67	12.7
Botswana	2009	-7.7	5.0	1.27	2.03	34.8	8

Botswana	2010	8.6	3.9	1.27	1.71	43.64	6.9
Botswana	2011	6.0	11.4	1.90	8.74	48.9	8.5

Botswana	2012	4.8	3.7	1.90	3.7	48.36	7.5
Botswana	2013	9.3	6.5	1.90	2.67	61.51	5.9
Botswana	2014	4.4	0.4	1.90	3.17	60.83	4.4
Botswana	2015	4.3	1.0	1.90	4.71	52.23	3.1
Botswana	2016	4.0	1.5	1.90	0.07	55.4	3.8
DRC	2005	6.1	18.2	3.00	1.5	20.4	21.3
DRC	2006	5.3	8.2	3.00	1.79	19.34	13.1
DRC	2007	6.3	4.9	3.00	11.05	39.36	16.9
DRC	2008	6.2	2.5	3.00	8.99	40.21	17.3
DRC	2009	2.9	1.8	3.00	13.36	27.38	2.8
DRC	2010	7.1	-35.5	3.00	7.07	43.5	7.1
DRC	2011	6.9	1.8	3.00	7.07	45.36	15.3
DRC	2012	13.4	5.3	3.00	12.06	34	9.7
DRC	2013	2.4	10.1	3.00	6.99	33.87	1.6
DRC	2014	7.2	9.9	3.40	5.42	33.19	2.5
DRC	2015	7.0	10.2	3.40	4.62	31.32	2.7
DRC	2016	5.3	10.5	3.40	3.77	26.15	2.7
Lesotho	2005	2.7	-11.8	0.11	1.63	48.63	3.4
Lesotho	2006	4.3	8.3	0.13	1.35	48.71	6.1
Lesotho	2007	4.7	1.8	0.14	4.15	49.19	8

Lesotho	2008	5.7	1.9	0.19	0.59	49.98	10.7
Lesotho	2009	3.4	-6.7	0.22	4.9	41.76	7.4
Lesotho	2010	7.9	13.8	0.24	0.4	39.45	3.6
Lesotho	2011	4.0	-11.9	0.10	2.19	44.14	5

Lesotho	2012	5.0	-3.4	0.33	2.12	38.67	6.1
Lesotho	2013	4.6	-10.0	0.36	2	35.82	4.9
Lesotho	2014	3.5	-1.5	0.39	3.61	35.62	5.3
Lesotho	2015	3.3	1.0	0.42	4.52	40.39	3.2
Lesotho	2016	3.0	1.6	0.45	3.51	42.25	6.6
Madagascar	2005	4.6	2.9	2.78	1.7	28.21	18.4
Madagascar	2006	5.0	3.0	2.76	5.34	29.73	10.8
Madagascar	2007	6.2	10.8	2.74	10.75	30.32	10.3
Madagascar	2008	7.1	3.1	2.71	12.05	26.54	9.3
Madagascar	2009	-4.0	-9.3	2.70	15.13	22.37	9
Madagascar	2010	0.2	-2.4	2.69	9.28	24.97	9.2
Madagascar	2011	1.4	3.9	2.68	8.24	26.74	9.5
Madagascar	2012	3.0	2.7	2.75	8.21	29.01	5.7
Madagascar	2013	2.4	2.1	2.75	5.33	29.24	5.8
Madagascar	2014	2.0	-6.9	2.67	3.29	31.91	6.1
Madagascar	2015	2.0	-4.0	2.67	5.31	32.06	7.4
Madagascar	2016	2.0	-3.8	2.65	5.41	33.5	6.7
Malawi	2005	2.6	4.3	3.32	3.82	18.12	15.4
Malawi	2006	2.2	7.8	3.32	0.89	17.63	14

Malawi	2007	9.1	17.1	3.31	2.81	23.31	8
Malawi	2008	7.8	11.0	2.80	3.67	22.66	8.7
Malawi	2009	7.5	29.1	3.14	0.79	20.03	8.4
Malawi	2010	6.8	11.4	3.11	1.39	22.79	7.4
Malawi	2011	4.9	1.4	3.11	10.16	20.78	7.6

Malawi	2012	-0.6	-0.9	3.12	0.03	26.2	21.3
Malawi	2013	6.3	5.6	3.13	8.18	35.66	27.3
Malawi	2014	6.0	5.0	3.14	9.88	33.7	23.8
Malawi	2015	5.8	4.9	3.15	8.14	29.33	21.9
Malawi	2016	5.5	5.4	3.16	5.99	33.14	21.7
Mauritius	2005	1.5	-3.5	0.53	0.66	59.85	4.9
Mauritius	2006	4.5	4.8	0.46	1.52	58.44	8.9
Mauritius	2007	5.9	2.6	0.41	4.18	55.87	8.8
Mauritius	2008	5.5	3.3	0.31	3.78	51.07	9.7
Mauritius	2009	3.1	2.5	0.25	2.81	47.68	2.5
Mauritius	2010	4.1	1.9	0.20	4.3	51.24	2.9
Mauritius	2011	3.9	0.7	0.20	3.76	52.44	6.5
Mauritius	2012	3.3	2.2	0.27	5.05	53.79	3.9
Mauritius	2013	3.3	4.4	0.19	2.42	48.42	3.5
Mauritius	2014	3.7	2.2	0.10	3.27	51.06	3.2
Mauritius	2015	3.9	2.8	0.10	1.78	48.79	1.3
Mauritius	2016	4.2	4.2	0.10	2.87	44.49	1
Mozambique	2005	8.7	2.1	2.39	1.58	30.19	7.2

Mozambique	2006	9.9	3.0	2.39	3.02	30.22	13.2
Mozambique	2007	7.4	3.1	2.75	4.45	30.84	8.2
Mozambique	2008	6.9	-2.8	2.77	5.58	29.24	10.3
Mozambique	2009	6.4	0.0	2.78	8.52	29.97	3.3
Mozambique	2010	6.7	3.1	2.79	12.39	31.51	12.7
Mozambique	2011	7.1	2.1	2.79	27.9	33.43	10.4

Mozambique	2012	7.2	0.1	2.79	38.77	32.38	2.1
Mozambique	2013	7.1	4.1	2.76	41.81	30.37	4.2
Mozambique	2014	7.2	2.0	2.72	29.47	33.36	2.3
Mozambique	2015	7.1	2.5	2.72	26.14	32.22	2.4
Mozambique	2016	7.2	2.8	2.69	28.4	34.76	10
Namibia	2005	1.7	7.4	1.77	5.41	40.45	2.3
Namibia	2006	7.4	2.6	1.74	7.64	45.47	5
Namibia	2007	4.9	8.5	1.86	7.66	50.48	6.5
Namibia	2008	2.6	4.9	1.82	8.83	54.35	9.1
Namibia	2009	0.3	2.1	1.84	9.42	52.35	9.5
Namibia	2010	6.0	7.3	1.90	2.55	47.76	4.9
Namibia	2011	5.1	5.6	-1.77	6.54	45.53	5
Namibia	2012	5.1	-6.8	1.84	8.41	43.41	6.7
Namibia	2013	5.7	4.0	1.87	6.2	41.19	5.6
Namibia	2014	6.4	-2.2	1.89	3.49	38.71	5.4
Namibia	2015	6.8	-1.5	1.90	10.22	39.05	3.4
Namibia	2016	7.3	3.0	1.92	2.75	42.23	6.7

South Africa	2005	5.3	2.8	1.32	2.53	26.45	3.4
South Africa	2006	5.6	-1.5	1.35	0.23	29.27	4.6
South Africa	2007	5.4	4.9	1.38	2.2	31.17	7.1
South Africa	2008	3.2	6.2	1.40	3.44	35.62	11.5
South Africa	2009	-1.5	6.4	1.43	2.57	27.91	7.1
South Africa	2010	3.0	5.2	1.46	0.98	28.62	4.3
South Africa	2011	3.2	2.6	1.49	0.99	30.46	5

South Africa	2012	2.2	-10.1	1.52	1.17	29.72	5.7
South Africa	2013	2.2	5.5	1.55	2.24	30.88	5.8
South Africa	2014	1.5	3.6	1.58	1.65	31.21	6.1
Tanzania	2005	7.4	9.6	2.90	5.53	16.91	5
Tanzania	2006	4.7	8.2	2.90	2.17	17.1	7.3
Tanzania	2007	8.5	11.4	2.90	2.7	18.92	7
Tanzania	2008	5.6	11.4	2.90	5.05	18.65	10.3
Tanzania	2009	5.4	4.5	2.90	3.33	17.37	12.1
Tanzania	2010	6.4	8.9	2.90	5.77	18.75	6.2
Tanzania	2011	7.9	6.7	2.90	3.63	20.76	12.7
Tanzania	2012	5.1	4.2	2.70	4.6	21.29	16
Tanzania	2013	7.3	6.6	2.70	4.71	17.65	7.9
Tanzania	2014	7.0	6.8	2.70	3.47	19.41	6.1
Tanzania	2015	7.0	7.0	2.70	3.52	21.62	5.6
Tanzania	2016	6.9	7.3	2.70	2.88	19.48	5.2
Zambia	2005	7.2	4.1	3.17	4.28	30.61	18.3

Zambia	2006	7.9	7.1	3.13	4.83	32.52	9
Zambia	2007	8.4	4.5	3.06	9.42	33.59	10.7
Zambia	2008	7.8	3.4	3.01	5.24	28.92	12.4
Zambia	2009	9.2	4.0	2.96	4.28	29.25	13.4
Zambia	2010	10.3	6.2	2.80	8.53	37.03	8.5
Zambia	2011	6.3	8.1	3.10	4.73	40.47	6.4
Zambia	2012	6.7	7.3	3.00	6.79	40.08	6.6
Zambia	2013	6.7	4.7	3.00	7.49	40.48	7

Zambia	2014	5.6	3.7	3.00	5.55	38.82	7.8
Zambia	2015	5.6	3.8	3.00	7.48	37.14	10.1
Zambia	2016	5.4	3.2	3.10	7.48	35.14	17.9
Zimbabwe	2005	-4.1	-9.9	-1.27	1.79	33.55	302.12
Zimbabwe	2006	-3.6	11.2	1.52	0.73	35.96	1096.68
Zimbabwe	2007	-3.3	-4.6	0.25	1.3	37.79	24411.03
Zimbabwe	2008	-2.8	-8.8	0.68	1.17	41.47	34527.6
Zimbabwe	2009	27.7	-2.6	0.97	1.22	21.84	6.2
Zimbabwe	2010	11.4	23.2	0.86	1.21	35.19	3.03
Zimbabwe	2011	11.9	1.9	3.39	2.85	40.56	3.28
Zimbabwe	2012	10.6	13.7	1.10	2.46	30.24	3.98
Zimbabwe	2013	4.5	5.3	1.00	2.41	27.17	1.63
Zimbabwe	2014	3.8	-0.6	1.93	2.98	25.68	-0.22
Zimbabwe	2015	3.8	6.8	1.95	2.45	23.46	-2.4
Zimbabwe	2016	4.3	7.3	1.97	2.06	24.66	-1.57

Source: World Bank (WB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), SADC

Appendix 2: Summary Statistics

	RGDP	EXPO	FDI	INF	PG	RGMAN
Mean	5.324115	37.41596	5.189487	394.9606	2.076566	4.109303
Median	5.391173	33.93500	3.730000	7.250000	2.687965	4.002577
Maximum	27.73293	86.02000	41.81000	34527.60	3.430000	29.06926
Minimum	-7.652310	16.91000	-5.980000	-2.400000	-1.773215	-35.48214
Std. Dev.	3.759301	13.47344	6.504892	3374.504	1.125653	7.116253
Skewness	0.965319	0.900932	3.069321	9.029704	-0.865294	-0.698997
Kurtosis	11.31140	3.921341	15.44264	84.62582	2.891580	9.698565
Jarque-Bera	473.2439	26.62127	1251.264	45427.95	19.54350	304.3635
Probability	0.000000	0.000002	0.000000	0.000000	0.000057	0.000000
Sum	830.5619	5836.890	809.5600	61613.86	323.9444	641.0513
Sum Sq. Dev.	2190.514	28137.71	6558.611	1.77E+09	196.3996	7849.364
Observations	156	156	156	156	156	156

Appendix 3: Diagnostic Tests

3.1 Unit Root Test Results

3.1.1 EXPO Unit Root test results

Panel unit root test: Summary

Series: D(EXPO)

Sample: 2005 2016

Exogenous variables: None

Automatic selection of maximum lags

Automatic lag length selection based on SIC: 0 to 1

Newey-West automatic bandwidth selection and Bartlett kernel

Method	Statistic	Prob.**	Cross-sections	Obs
Null: Unit root (assumes common unit root process)				
Levin, Lin & Chu t*	-11.5826	0.0000	13	125
Null: Unit root (assumes individual unit root process)				
ADF - Fisher Chi-square	151.064	0.0000	13	125
PP - Fisher Chi-square	152.474	0.0000	13	130

** Probabilities for Fisher tests are computed using an asymptotic Chi-square distribution. All other tests assume asymptotic normality.

3.1.2 RGDP Unit Root test results

Panel unit root test: Summary

Series: RGDP

Sample: 2005 2016

Exogenous variables: Individual effects

Automatic selection of maximum lags

Automatic lag length selection based on SIC: 0 to 1

Newey-West automatic bandwidth selection and Bartlett kernel

Method	Statistic	Prob.**	Cross-sections	Obs
<u>Null: Unit root (assumes common unit root process)</u>				
Levin, Lin & Chu t*	-7.70260	0.0000	13	142
<u>Null: Unit root (assumes individual unit root process)</u>				
Im, Pesaran and Shin W-stat	-5.08543	0.0000	13	142
ADF - Fisher Chi-square	70.0365	0.0000	13	142
PP - Fisher Chi-square	80.2313	0.0000	13	143

** Probabilities for Fisher tests are computed using an asymptotic Chi-square distribution. All other tests assume asymptotic normality.

3.1.3 FDI Unit Root test results

Panel unit root test: Summary

Series: FDI

Sample: 2005 2016

Exogenous variables: Individual effects

Automatic selection of maximum lags

Automatic lag length selection based on SIC: 0 to 1

Newey-West automatic bandwidth selection and Bartlett kernel

Method	Statistic	Prob.**	Cross-sections	Obs
<u>Null: Unit root (assumes common unit root process)</u>				
Levin, Lin & Chu t*	-6.56084	0.0000	13	139
<u>Null: Unit root (assumes individual unit root process)</u>				
Im, Pesaran and Shin W-stat	-6.01085	0.0000	13	139
ADF - Fisher Chi-square	80.5698	0.0000	13	139
PP - Fisher Chi-square	78.1342	0.0000	13	143

** Probabilities for Fisher tests are computed using an asymptotic Chi-square distribution. All other tests assume asymptotic normality.

3.1.4 INF Unit Root test results

Panel unit root test: Summary

Series: INF

Sample: 2005 2016

Exogenous variables: None

Automatic selection of maximum lags

Automatic lag length selection based on SIC: 0 to 1

Newey-West automatic bandwidth selection and Bartlett kernel

Method	Statistic	Prob.**	Cross-sections	Obs
Null: Unit root (assumes common unit root process)				
Levin, Lin & Chu t*	-3.24395	0.0006	13	141
Null: Unit root (assumes individual unit root process)				
ADF - Fisher Chi-square	39.8203	0.0406	13	141
PP - Fisher Chi-square	47.6950	0.0059	13	143

** Probabilities for Fisher tests are computed using an asymptotic Chi-square distribution. All other tests assume asymptotic normality.

3.1.5 RGMAN Unit Root test results

Panel unit root test: Summary

Series: RGMAN

Sample: 2005 2016

Exogenous variables: None

Automatic selection of maximum lags

Automatic lag length selection based on SIC: 0 to 1

Newey-West automatic bandwidth selection and Bartlett kernel

Method	Statistic	Prob.**	Cross-sections	Obs
Null: Unit root (assumes common unit root process)				
Levin, Lin & Chu t*	-4.90396	0.0000	13	142
Null: Unit root (assumes individual unit root process)				
ADF - Fisher Chi-square	85.8012	0.0000	13	142
PP - Fisher Chi-square	85.1285	0.0000	13	143

** Probabilities for Fisher tests are computed using an asymptotic Chi-square distribution. All other tests assume asymptotic normality.

3.1.6 PG Unit Root test results

Panel unit root test: Summary

Series: D(PG)

Sample: 2005 2016

Exogenous variables: Individual effects

Automatic selection of maximum lags

Automatic lag length selection based on SIC: 0 to 1

Newey-West automatic bandwidth selection and Bartlett kernel

Method	Statistic	Prob.**	Cross-sections	Obs
<u>Null: Unit root (assumes common unit root process)</u>				
Levin, Lin & Chu t*	-10.4698	0.0000	11	108
<u>Null: Unit root (assumes individual unit root process)</u>				
Im, Pesaran and Shin W-stat	-6.36819	0.0000	11	108
ADF - Fisher Chi-square	76.9255	0.0000	11	108
PP - Fisher Chi-square	118.664	0.0000	11	110

** Probabilities for Fisher tests are computed using an asymptotic Chi-square distribution. All other tests assume asymptotic normality.

3.2 Pedroni Residual Cointegration Test Results

Pedroni Residual Cointegration Test

Series: RGDP EXPO

Sample: 2005 2016

Included observations: 156

Cross-sections included: 13

Null Hypothesis: No cointegration

Trend assumption: No deterministic trend

User-specified lag length: 1

Newey-West automatic bandwidth selection and Bartlett kernel

Alternative hypothesis: common AR coefs. (within-dimension)

	Statistic	Prob.	Weighted Statistic	Prob.
Panel v-Statistic	1.058103	0.1450	-0.024862	0.5099
Panel rho-Statistic	-1.250819	0.1055	-3.441909	0.0003
Panel PP-Statistic	-3.349574	0.0004	-7.997871	0.0000
Panel ADF-Statistic	-0.645009	0.2595	-2.649807	0.0040

Alternative hypothesis: individual AR coefs. (between-dimension)

	Statistic	Prob.
Group rho-Statistic	-0.944069	0.1726
Group PP-Statistic	-8.031243	0.0000
Group ADF-Statistic	-3.246323	0.0006

Cross section specific results

Phillips-Peron results (non-parametric)

Cross ID	AR(1)	Variance	HAC	Bandwidth	Obs
Angola	0.532	8.048663	8.048663	0.00	11
Botswana	-0.281	11.44459	11.44459	0.00	11
DRC	-0.407	5.799396	4.842288	2.00	11
Lesotho	-0.144	1.759871	2.242092	2.00	11
Madagascar	0.243	6.332728	6.332728	0.00	11
Malawi	0.206	6.462186	6.462186	0.00	11
Mauritius	0.153	0.834866	1.139614	1.00	11
Mozambique	0.471	0.554367	0.460392	2.00	11
Namibia	-0.293	1.842686	0.894943	7.00	11
South Africa	0.366	2.878603	1.537531	7.00	11
United Republ...	-0.613	0.726797	0.319961	10.00	11
Zambia	0.354	1.601751	1.655325	1.00	11
Zimbabwe	0.566	40.70906	41.48658	1.00	11

Augmented Dickey-Fuller results (parametric)

Cross ID	AR(1)	Variance	Lag	Max lag	Obs
Angola	0.485	8.605864	1	--	10
Botswana	-0.219	11.99108	1	--	10
DRC	-0.546	6.309983	1	--	10
Lesotho	0.258	1.725996	1	--	10
Madagascar	0.246	6.723191	1	--	10
Malawi	-0.007	6.346610	1	--	10
Mauritius	0.092	0.466289	1	--	10
Mozambique	0.098	0.199577	1	--	10
Namibia	-0.579	1.304178	1	--	10
South Africa	0.125	2.626189	1	--	10
United Republ...	-1.123	0.579481	1	--	10
Zambia	0.336	1.735331	1	--	10
Zimbabwe	0.516	44.24596	1	--	10

3.3 Breusch-Pagan Lagrange Multiplier Tests

Lagrange Multiplier Tests for Random Effects

Null hypotheses: No effects

Alternative hypotheses: Two-sided (Breusch-Pagan) and one-sided (all others) alternatives

	Test Hypothesis		
	Cross-section	Time	Both
Breusch-Pagan	2.657535 (0.1031)	1.756366 (0.1851)	4.413901 (0.0356)
Honda	1.630195 (0.0515)	-1.325280 (0.9075)	0.215608 (0.4146)
King-Wu	1.630195 (0.0515)	-1.325280 (0.9075)	0.170115 (0.4325)
Standardized Honda	2.574143 (0.0050)	-1.193254 (0.8836)	-3.306359 (0.9995)
Standardized King-Wu	2.574143 (0.0050)	-1.193254 (0.8836)	-3.352848 (0.9996)
Gourieroux, et al.*	--	--	2.657535 (0.1177)

3.1 Husman Test for Random Effects Results

Correlated Random Effects - Hausman Test

Equation: Untitled

Test cross-section random effects

Test Sum mary	Chi-Sq. Statistic	Chi-Sq. d.f.	Prob.
Cross-section random	9.818207	5	0.0806

Cross-section random effects test comparisons:

Variable	Fixed	Random	Var(Diff.)	Prob.
FDI	-0.023721	0.019052	0.001083	0.1936
INF	-0.000334	-0.000255	0.000000	0.0156
EXPO	0.109712	0.055195	0.001019	0.0877
PG	0.582694	0.769712	0.294587	0.7304
RGMAN	0.066029	0.070078	0.000166	0.7530

Cross-section random effects test equation:

Dependent Variable: RGDP

Method: Panel Least Squares

Sample: 2005 2016

Periods included: 12

Cross-sections included: 13

Total panel (balanced) observations: 156

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-0.007257	2.101074	-0.003454	0.9972
FDI	-0.023721	0.058587	-0.404891	0.6862
INF	-0.000334	9.09E-05	-3.678904	0.0003
EXPO	0.109712	0.040790	2.689665	0.0080
PG	0.582694	0.632378	0.921432	0.3584
RGMAN	0.066029	0.043303	1.524837	0.1296

Effects Specification

Cross-section fixed (dummy variables)

R-squared	0.295395	Mean dependent var	5.323844
Adjusted R-squared	0.208596	S.D. dependent var	3.759551
S.E. of regression	3.344530	Akaike info criterion	5.360696
Sum squared resid	1543.651	Schwarz criterion	5.712603
Log likelihood	-400.1343	Hannan-Quinn criter.	5.503625
F-statistic	3.403206	Durbin-Watson stat	1.584111

Appendix 4: Random Effects Model Results

Dependent Variable: RGDP

Method: Panel EGLS (Cross-section random effects)

Sample: 2005 2016

Periods included: 12

Cross-sections included: 13

Total panel (balanced) observations: 156

Swamy and Arora estimator of component variances

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.374192	1.360023	1.010418	0.3139
EXPO	0.055195	0.025390	2.173915	0.0313
FDI	0.019052	0.048474	0.393024	0.6949
PG	0.769712	0.324522	2.371830	0.0190
INF	-0.000255	8.47E-05	-3.008292	0.0031
RGMAN	0.070078	0.041347	1.694875	0.0922

Effects Specification		S.D.	Rho
Cross-section random		0.851007	0.0608
Idiosyncratic random		3.344530	0.9392

Weighted Statistics			
R-squared	0.147233	Mean dependent var	3.993845
Adjusted R-squared	0.118808	S.D. dependent var	3.619638
S.E. of regression	3.397821	Sum squared resid	1731.778
F-statistic	5.179615	Durbin-Watson stat	1.458279
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000205		

Unweighted Statistics			
R-squared	0.154453	Mean dependent var	5.323844
Sum squared resid	1852.429	Durbin-Watson stat	1.363300

