

Thesis Reviewer's Report

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Assessment criteria

	excellent	very good	acceptable	unacceptable	N/A
Achievement of the aims of the thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use of appropriate methods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Depth of analysis (in relation to the topic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structure and extent of the thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use of Czech and foreign sources (including references)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Formal aspects (text, diagrams, charts)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of language (style, grammar, terminology)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Usability of the results

	high	medium	low	N/A
In theory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other comments

The thesis provides an interesting insight into development issues of selected countries in Africa. I can imagine that it is quite challenging to work on this topic, given the availability of data.

I do, however, have a few critical notes, in particular:

- The thesis provides an overview of development policies in selected African countries, but I am not sure that in all cases we can really talk about regional development policies (i.e., policies with a strong territorial dimension that are also aimed at the issue of territorial disparity).
- I don't understand why the sample of interviewees is being compared to samples from other studies that are unrelated to the topic. Specifically, the samples are compared in terms of "personal" data (e.g. sex, educational attainment, etc.).
- The student did not use any of the resources recommended in the assignment.

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Questions and suggestions for the defence

- 1) You have not used any of the resources recommended in the assignment. Why?
- 2) Following the issue of corruption in financing, you suggest that mechanisms need to be put in place to help ensure efficiency and accountability. Can you be more specific, please? I.e., how do you imagine such a mechanism?

Overall evaluation

I **recommend** the thesis for defence.
The proposed grade for the thesis: C

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