

EFFECTS OF GLOBALIZATION ON EDUCATION IN AFRICA 1983-2008

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ABSTRACT

This study focuses on the effects of globalisation on education in Africa in the past twenty-five years. Despite the positive impact, globalisation has divided the world into the superrich and absolutely poor. Africa is the poorest of the poor, marginalized from world economy and education. The disparities created by globalisation pressures on destabilizing the nations (in the use of the internet, per capita income and living standards and ability to produce and diffuse knowledge) are highlighted. The study also points out the socio-economic and educational inequalities and inequities resulting from globalisation flows and rifts. Educational Institutions in Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, and Asia that took the IMF loan face the same dilemma, of the 'lost decade' of the 1980. A rethinking of globalisation, reversal of education and economic growth fraught with injustice, inequality and degradation of human dignity is recommended. Educational empowerment of women is also recommended.

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