Record Nr. UNINA9910820340603321 Autore Sy Amadou N. R Titolo Financial integration in the West African economic and monetary union // prepared by Amadou N. R. Sy [Washington, D.C.], : International Monetary Fund, Research Dept., Pubbl/distr/stampa c2006 **ISBN** 1-4623-1650-6 1-4527-0170-9 1-282-56215-0 9786613822475 1-4519-0927-6 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (25 p.) Collana IMF working paper; ; WP/06/214 Monetary unions - Africa, West Soggetti Africa, West Economic conditions Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali "September 2006." Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. ""Contents""; ""I. INTRODUCTION""; ""II. THE REGIONAL FINANCIAL Nota di contenuto SECTOR"": ""III. FINANCIAL INTEGRATION THROUGH REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS""; ""IV. REGIONAL POLICY ISSUES AND CONCLUSIONS""; ""References"" Sommario/riassunto This study assesses the degree of financial integration in the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU). The structure of the financial sector and its institutional arrangements indicate that financial integration is well advanced in some aspects. Common and foreign ownership of banks is very high and cross-border transactions are frequent in the government securities markets. Common institutions help achieve a high degree of similarity of rules. There is nonetheless scope for further financial integration as indicated by persistent deviations from the law of one price, limited cross-border bank transactions, and differences in treatment. Policy measures could

therefore help achieve greater financial convergence.