

Effects of Human Capital on Horizontal Export Diversification in Resource-Rich Sub-Saharan African Countries

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Abstract: This study aims to analyse the contribution of human capital to the horizontal diversification of exports from resource-rich SSA countries, given the persistence of export concentration and the recurrence of the natural resource curse in this zone. Following the generalised method of moments used on a sample of 22 resource-rich sub-Saharan African countries covering the period 2000-2018, this study finds that human capital has positive and significant effects on the horizontal diversification of exports from resource-rich SSA countries, thus confirming the hypothesis formulated. Based on these results, we recommend that governments in resource-rich SSA develop their institutional and infrastructural frameworks to ensure a diversified and robust manufacturing production system.

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