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A Critical Analysis of Funding Requirements for the African



Abstract

The African Union (AU) is currently at a crossroads as to whether to continue benefitting from external funding support or to mobilize its own funds within the continent to execute its activities. The pressure to give up external budgetary support has been widespread, which led to the commissioning of a High-Level Panel to explore the option for alternative sources of funding the Union. The Dissertation examined the modality of mobilization, allocation and utilization of funds by the Union. It also scrutinized the rationalization for the external support it receives as well as the prospects of the Union mobilizing requisite funds to internally handle its budgetary requirements. The methodology used was qualitative, specifically the case study approach. Data used in the analysis were captured through open ended interviews directed at a target population of 16 persons drawn from the identified stakeholder organizations. Various themes were generated based on the data collected, which were critically analyzed and presented in a descriptive form. The findings demonstrated that the funding requirements of the Union could be met internally once a regime of realistic budgeting and prudent programme formulation has been put in place.