

CHAPTER XIX
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC
COMMUNITIES, REGIONAL CONTINENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND
OTHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC ORGANISATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Article 88

Relations between the Community and Regional Economic Communities

1. The Community shall be established mainly through the co-ordination, harmonisation and progressive integration of the activities of regional economic communities.
2. Member States undertake to promote the co-ordination and harmonisation of the integration activities of regional economic communities of which they are members with the activities of the Community, it being understood that the establishment of the latter is the final objective towards which the activities of existing and future regional economic communities shall be geared.
3. To this end, the Community shall be entrusted with the co-ordination, harmonisation and evaluation of the activities of existing and future regional economic communities.
4. Member States undertake, through their respective regional economic communities, to coordinate and harmonize the activities of their sub-regional organisations, with a view to rationalising the integration process at the level of each region.

Article 89

Relations between the Community and African Continental Organisations

The Community shall closely cooperate with African continental organisations including, in particular, the African development Bank and African Centre for Monetary Studies in order to ensure the attainment of regional and continental integration objectives. It may conclude co-operation agreements with these Organisations.

Article 90

Relations between the Community and African Non-Governmental Organisations

- 1. The Community, in the context of mobilising the human and material resources of Africa, shall establish relations of co-operation with African Non-Governmental organisations, with a view to encouraging the involvement of the African peoples in the process of economic integration and mobilising their technical, material and financial support.**
- 2. To this end, the Community shall set up a mechanism for consultation with such Non-Governmental organisations.**

Article 91

Relations between the Community and Socio-Economic Organisations and Associations

- 1. The Community, in the context of mobilising the various actors of socio-economic life, shall establish relations of co-operation with socio-economic organisations and associations including mainly, producers, transport operators, workers, employers, youth, women, artisans and other professional organisations and associations with a view to ensuring their involvement in the integration process of Africa.**
- 2. To this end, the Community shall set up a mechanism for consultation with such socio-economic organisations and associations.**