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Cereal Production Policies in Selected African and Asian Countries: Lessons for the SADC Region

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ABSTRACT The study analyses policies governing cereals production in selected African and Asian countries and the subsequent lessons that could be learnt by the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The study is qualitative and looks at policy effectiveness in terms of the intended goals. It highlights trends experienced in the region with regards to policy formulation and subsequent production. The study finds out that policies promoting production of cereals in selected countries in Africa and Asia managed to enhance higher yields of the cereals. The recommendations of the study are that African countries should take a leaf from Asian countries who have managed to implement right production and trade policies. The policy actions include subsidies to farmers, introduction of new higher yielding crop varieties, and market access.