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Abstract

Purpose: The purpose of this article is to examine how the financial derivatives market in Kenya can be enhanced and to identify strategies for promoting its growth. The research is guided by the central question: How can we enhance the growth of the financial derivatives market in Kenya?

Methodology: The article employs a mixed-methods approach, combining textual analysis of previous literature, reports, and articles with a qualitative survey. The qualitative data was collected using a snowballing approach, which involved distributing questionnaires and conducting interviews with multiple sources, including the Capital Market Authority.

Findings: The study's findings emphasize the necessity of establishing a robust regulatory framework to govern the financial derivatives market in Kenya. Key points include: The importance of clear rules and regulations for financial institutions involved in derivative trading, the need for enhanced regulatory oversight to mitigate risks such as fraud, manipulation, and insider trading, which are prevalent in less regulated markets, the benefits of increased transparency and accountability in the derivatives market to build investor trust and encourage participation.

Unique Contribution to Theory, Practice and Policy: The article recommends several steps to develop a more resilient and sustainable derivatives market in Kenya: Strengthen regulatory frameworks and enforce clear rules for derivative trading, Implement measures to enhance transparency and accountability, Strengthen risk management practices within the market, Promote investor education to ensure market participants are well-informed, By addressing these challenges and implementing the recommended solutions, Kenya can unlock the full potential of its financial derivatives market, thereby promoting economic growth and stability in the region.

Keywords: *Financial Derivatives, Financial Markets, Risk Management, Speculative Trading, Kenyan Derivatives Market, Futures, Options, Market Liquidity, Capital Market Reforms, Financial Instruments*

INTRODUCTION

Financial derivatives are complex financial instruments that derive their value from an underlying asset such as Commodity, equity, currency, bonds, interest rates, and weather (David Mengle, 2013). The use of financial derivatives has become increasingly popular in both speculative trading and risk management strategies due to their flexibility and potential for high returns. By leveraging derivatives, investors can hedge against market fluctuations, diversify their portfolios, and enhance their investment performance. However, the intricate nature of derivatives also comes with risks, including the potential for significant losses if not managed properly. Therefore, understanding the theoretical framework behind financial derivatives is paramount for investors looking to navigate these sophisticated instruments effectively and achieve their financial goals.

In Kenya, the derivatives market in Kenya has expanded rapidly in recent years, attracting both domestic and international investors seeking to diversify their portfolios and hedge against risk. This growth has been driven by several factors, including increasing financial sophistication among market participants, regulatory reforms aimed at promoting market transparency and efficiency, and the development of new financial products tailored to the needs of local investors. As a result, the Kenyan derivatives market now offers a wide range of instruments, including futures, options, swaps, and forwards, allowing investors to trade in a variety of asset classes, including equities, currencies, commodities, and interest rates. However, despite its rapid growth, the Kenyan derivatives market still faces challenges, including limited liquidity, high transaction costs, and the need for further regulatory reforms to enhance investor protection and market integrity.

The growth of the financial derivatives market in Kenya has been highlighted as a crucial driver of capital market efficiency. Despite fluctuations in performance, Safaricom Plc emerges as the top-performing company in trading single futures derivatives contracts at the Nairobi Securities Exchange Derivatives Market, with strong participation from Equity Group Holdings and Kenya Commercial Bank. This underscores the importance of active participation from listed companies to enhance market options and bolster the country's economy (Koskei Loice, 2024). Additionally, a study examining the relationship between options derivatives and the financial performance of selected listed commercial banks in Kenya revealed significant findings. Results indicated a strong correlation between options trading and financial performance, emphasizing the need for clear procedures, cost management, and staff training to mitigate risks and optimize the benefits of engagement in derivatives markets (Muthine Philipino et. al., 2021) These insights shed light on the dynamics of financial derivatives markets in Kenya, emphasizing the importance of effective strategies and governance in maximizing market potential and economic growth.

In recent years, the financial derivatives market in Kenya has shown significant growth, with increasing interest from both local and international investors. This market provides a platform for participants to manage risk, speculate on price movements, and enhance overall market efficiency. However, some challenges hinder the full potential of the market, such as limited product offerings, low liquidity, and regulatory constraints. Addressing these obstacles is crucial for the development and enhancement of the financial derivatives market in Kenya. By expanding product offerings, improving liquidity through market-making activities, and creating a supportive regulatory environment, the market can attract more participants and increase trading volumes. Ultimately, a well-functioning financial derivatives market in Kenya can contribute to the overall stability and growth of the country's financial sector, providing opportunities for investors and facilitating economic development. This research is guided by the following research question: **How can we enhance the growth of the financial derivative market in Kenya?"**

Financial derivatives markets in Kenya have seen substantial growth over the past few years, driven by increasing demand for risk management tools, speculative activities, and investment opportunities. Derivatives such as futures and options have gained popularity among investors and institutions looking to hedge their exposure to financial risks. The development of these markets can be traced back to the introduction of the Capital Markets Authority Act in 1989, which provided the legal framework for trading in derivatives. However, it was not until the establishment of the Nairobi Securities Exchange Derivatives Market in 2015 that derivatives trading gained significant traction in Kenya. Since then, the market has continued to evolve, attracting both local and foreign participants seeking to diversify their portfolios and manage risks effectively. Despite these advancements, challenges such as lack of awareness, limited product offerings, and regulatory constraints still hinder the full potential of the derivatives market in Kenya. Efforts to enhance market liquidity, increase transparency, and improve investor education are essential to further develop the financial derivatives market in Kenya and strengthen its role in the country's financial system (El Bachir et. al, 2021).

Problem Statement

Despite the rapid growth and development of the financial derivatives market in Kenya, significant gaps still exist that hinder the market from reaching its full potential. These challenges include limited product offerings, low market liquidity, high transaction costs, and regulatory constraints that need further refinement. The lack of a comprehensive regulatory framework, insufficient investor education, and the absence of clear procedures for risk management also pose significant barriers to the market's expansion. Moreover, there is a notable gap in the understanding of how to effectively enhance market participation and address the risks associated with derivatives trading.

Gaps the Study Intends to Fill

This study seeks to address these gaps by exploring strategies to improve the regulatory framework, increase market liquidity, and expand product offerings in the Kenyan derivatives market. It also aims to provide insights into the necessary steps for promoting investor education and strengthening risk management practices within the market. The research will fill the existing knowledge gap by offering a detailed analysis of the current state of the derivatives market in Kenya and proposing actionable solutions to overcome the identified challenges.

Beneficiaries of the Study

The findings of this study will be beneficial to multiple stakeholders, including:

1. **Regulators**: Providing them with insights into the necessary reforms needed to create a more robust regulatory environment for the derivatives market.
2. **Investors**: Offering them a better understanding of the risks and opportunities in the derivatives market, helping them make informed decisions.
3. **Financial Institutions**: Assisting them in developing strategies to enhance market participation and manage risks effectively.

4. **Policy Makers**: Guiding them in formulating policies that support the growth and sustainability of the financial derivatives market in Kenya.
5. **Academics and Researchers**: Contributing to the body of knowledge on financial derivatives in emerging markets, providing a foundation for future research.

Challenges in the Current Financial Derivatives Markets in Kenya

The financial derivatives market has also encountered greater development opportunities worldwide, however, opportunities and challenges always coexist, and financial institutions must reasonably apply financial derivatives. An in-depth study by (Wanying Huang1, & Xinrun Yao, 2021) assets that without investing in technology, financial institutions trading in financial derivatives run the risk of control risks and realizing the value of the derivative. The financial derivatives market in Kenya has exhibited fluctuating performance since the establishment of the Nairobi Securities Exchange Derivatives Market in July 2019. The market's growth is seen as a critical driver for overall capital market development and efficiency. Safaricom Plc emerges as a significant player, displaying active and successful participation in trading single futures derivatives contracts at the Nairobi Securities Exchange. Companies like Equity Group Holdings and Kenya Commercial Bank have also shown notable performance in the derivatives market. Despite these positive strides, there is a need for increased participation from all listed companies to enhance market options and contribute to the country's economic growth (Koskei Loice, 2024) Risk management in financial derivatives is a pressing concern in today's financial landscape, with systemic and operational risks posing potential threats to market stability. Implementing robust risk management strategies, including enhancing risk awareness, establishing frameworks, and improving monitoring mechanisms, is crucial to safeguarding the financial system and providing investors with a secure investment environment.

Effective regulatory and oversight mechanisms are vital in the financial derivatives markets in Kenya to mitigate risks and ensure stability. The challenges faced in this regard stem from the complexities and interconnectedness of the global financial system. As highlighted by (Karumba M &, Wafula M, 2012) credit risk poses a significant concern for banks, leading to over-reliance on collateral lending as a traditional security measure. However, this approach may hinder competition and limit lending activities if not complemented with other credit risk mitigation measures. Furthermore, (Vaissi, and Alexandra, 2007) emphasizes the need for enhanced regulation of hedge funds to safeguard financial stability and consumer protection. The debate on the regulatory oversight of hedge funds underscores the importance of balancing risk management with market discipline and indirect regulation through regulated counterparties. By incorporating these insights into the regulatory framework, Kenya can address the regulatory and oversight challenges in its financial derivatives markets comprehensively.

The absence of a comprehensive regulatory structure for derivatives markets in Kenya poses significant challenges and risks for financial institutions operating in this sector. As (Kimani J & Kibera M., 2023) highlights, the evolution of risks facing commercial banks in Kenya includes regulatory challenges, which are exacerbated by the lack of a robust regulatory framework specifically tailored to derivatives trading. Without clear guidelines and oversight, the derivatives market in Kenya may face increased operational and compliance risks, threatening financial stability. Moreover, the research on the construction of MV Uhuru II (Makone Jared K., 2023) emphasizes the importance of regulatory compliance in maritime

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activities, a principle that extends to financial markets. Incorporating lessons from the challenges faced in constructing the vessel, Kenya's financial authorities must prioritize the development of a comprehensive regulatory framework for derivatives markets to ensure transparency, risk management, and investor protection. Without proactive measures to address this regulatory gap, the derivatives market in Kenya may struggle to achieve sustainable growth and stability in the long term.

In the realm of financial derivatives markets in Kenya, liquidity plays a vital role, intertwined with the concerns surrounding effective risk management strategies. As global financial crises have highlighted the importance of mitigating risks and managing liquidity effectively, deposit-taking SACCOs in Kenya face mounting pressures from various financial institutions and emerging digital platforms. The impact of risk management practices, particularly in credit, liquidity, and market rate risk, is significant on the organizational performance of these SACCOs. The study by (Mbuguah Charles et. al., 2023) underscores the positive and significant effects of robust risk management practices on the performance of SACCOs, emphasizing the need for strategic loan screening, partnerships with credit reference bureaus, and dynamic risk management approaches. In a broader context, the implications of the global financial crisis on the financial revolution, as examined by (Ruoxuan Wang, 2024) (El Bachir et. al, 2021), shed light on the regulatory changes necessary to ensure market stability and prevent major financial failures. The challenges facing financial derivatives markets in Kenya necessitate a nuanced understanding of liquidity management and effective risk mitigation strategies, informed by both global crises and local market dynamics.

Limited involvement of institutional investors can have a significant impact on market liquidity in financial derivatives markets. When institutional investors, such as pension funds or insurance companies, do not actively participate in trading, it can lead to decreased liquidity levels. These players often bring stability and depth to the market due to their long-term investment strategies and large capital base. Without their participation, bid-ask spreads may widen, making it more costly to trade, and potentially increasing price volatility. This lack of liquidity may deter other investors from entering the market, further exacerbating the issue. Studies have shown that markets with higher institutional investor participation tend to have better liquidity conditions. Therefore, encouraging more involvement from institutional investors could help improve market liquidity in financial derivatives markets in Kenya and other developing countries (El Bachir et. al, 2021)

The challenges facing financial derivatives markets in Kenya are multifaceted and require a comprehensive approach for effective resolution. These challenges range from regulatory issues and inadequate infrastructure to lack of investor awareness and understanding. As discussed in the preceding sections, the need for improved regulatory frameworks, increased transparency, and enhanced risk management practices are crucial for the development and sustainability of financial derivatives markets in Kenya. Additionally, addressing the issue of market illiquidity and developing a robust market infrastructure will be essential for attracting both domestic and foreign investors. By implementing these recommendations, Kenya can overcome the existing challenges and foster a conducive environment for the growth of financial derivatives markets in the country. Moving forward, further research and collaboration with industry stakeholders will be necessary to address these challenges and ensure the long-term success of financial derivatives markets in Kenya. Only by collectively addressing these issues can Kenya fully realize the potential benefits of financial derivatives markets for its economy, the guiding research question to this paper is: **How can we enhance the growth of the financial derivative market in Kenya?"**

Research Gaps for Future Studies

Methodological Gaps

- Technological Integration: While the importance of technology in mitigating risks in the financial derivatives market has been highlighted, there is a lack of empirical studies exploring the specific technologies that could be effectively integrated into Kenya's financial derivatives market. Future research could focus on identifying and assessing the impact of technological advancements on risk management and market efficiency.
- Quantitative Analysis of Liquidity Issues: The current discussion points to liquidity concerns but does not provide a detailed quantitative analysis of liquidity levels or the impact of specific liquidity-enhancing strategies. Future studies could employ quantitative methods to measure the liquidity in Kenya's derivatives market and analyze the effectiveness of different strategies to improve it.

Contextual Gaps

- Investor Education and Awareness: There is a recognized need for greater investor education and awareness in Kenya's derivatives market. However, detailed research on the current state of investor knowledge and the effectiveness of existing educational initiatives is lacking. Future studies could evaluate the current level of investor understanding and propose targeted educational programs.
- Regulatory Framework Development: The absence of a comprehensive regulatory framework for derivatives markets in Kenya has been noted as a critical challenge. However, there is a need for research that benchmarks Kenya's regulatory framework against those of more developed markets, identifying specific regulatory gaps and suggesting tailored reforms for Kenya's context.

Geographical Gaps

- Regional Comparisons: The current research primarily focuses on the national level. There is an opportunity for future studies to compare the development and challenges of the derivatives market in Kenya with other African countries or emerging markets globally. This could provide insights into best practices and strategies that could be adopted in Kenya.
- Urban vs. Rural Market Dynamics: Research could explore the differences in participation, awareness, and impact of the derivatives market between urban and rural regions within Kenya, which may have different levels of financial literacy and access to market infrastructure.

Sectoral Gaps

- Sector-Specific Impacts: The impact of financial derivatives on specific sectors of the Kenyan economy (e.g., agriculture, manufacturing) has not been fully explored. Future research could focus on how derivatives are being used or could be used within these sectors to manage risks and enhance sectoral growth.

- Role of Institutional Investors: Although the role of institutional investors has been mentioned, there is limited research on the factors influencing their participation in Kenya's derivatives market. Future studies could investigate the barriers to greater involvement of institutional investors and the potential impact of their increased participation on market liquidity and stability.

These research gaps highlight the need for a more comprehensive and targeted approach in studying the financial derivatives market in Kenya, addressing both the existing challenges and exploring new opportunities for growth and stability.

Strategies for Enhancing Financial Derivatives Markets in Kenya

A crucial strategy for enhancing financial derivatives markets in Kenya is to increase investor education and awareness. By providing comprehensive educational programs and resources, investors can develop a better understanding of how financial derivatives work, their associated risks, and potential benefits. This increased knowledge can help reduce the fear and uncertainty that often surround derivatives trading, encouraging more participation in the market. Additionally, fostering a culture of transparency and accountability within the market is essential. Regulators can play a key role in this by enforcing stringent rules and regulations that promote fair and ethical trading practices. This can help build trust among investors and enhance the overall credibility of the financial derivatives market in Kenya, ultimately attracting more participants and increasing market liquidity. By implementing these strategies, Kenya can further develop its financial derivatives market, positioning itself as a hub for derivatives trading in the region.

Education and training programs play a pivotal role in enhancing financial literacy and market participation, particularly in the context of developing economies like Kenya. As highlighted by, the lack of financial literacy can lead to under-saving, poor investment choices, and inefficiencies in financial markets. To address this challenge, governments and organizations in Kenya have been implementing various educational initiatives, including user-friendly financial systems like I-TAX, personalized services through Huduma centers, and training on tax returns and payments. Additionally, the promotion of cooperative societies and Saccos with educational components contributes to financial literacy enhancement Moreover, as emphasized in (Mutsami Chrispinus & Stephen Karl, 2020)training programs in sectors such as rabbit farming can have a positive impact on reducing multidimensional poverty among urban and peri-urban farmers. By focusing on education and training, the financial derivatives market in Kenya can benefit from a more informed and active participant base, leading to increased market efficiency and investor confidence.

To further enhance financial derivatives markets in Kenya, strengthening regulatory oversight is crucial. Regulatory bodies must enact and enforce robust guidelines to ensure transparency, mitigate risks, and protect investors. By implementing stringent rules and monitoring mechanisms, such as requiring full disclosure of derivative transactions and setting limits on leverage, regulators can promote market integrity and stability. Additionally, conducting regular audits and assessments of market participants compliance with regulations can help identify and address any potential misconduct or fraudulent activities. Through enhanced oversight, regulatory bodies can foster trust in the derivatives market, attract more investors, and ultimately contribute to the overall growth and development of the financial sector in Kenya. By prioritizing regulatory oversight, Kenya can position itself as a competitive player in the global derivatives market and pave the way for sustainable economic progress.

Theoretical Foundations of Financial Derivatives

The evolution of financial derivatives and their theoretical foundations has been the focus of extensive scholarly inquiry, particularly within the modern paradigms of accounting and finance. According to Majid Ahmed AL Anssari (2023), the early 20th-century trajectory of accounting theory laid the groundwork for the development of rules guiding accounting practices, which in turn influenced the growth and application of financial derivatives. This historical context has led to a critical examination of the risks and implications associated with these financial instruments. As discussed by Mohyi Aldin Abu Al Houl et al. (2023), traditional financial derivatives have been linked to significant risks, including their role in global financial crises. Their study further introduces an Islamic alternative, emphasizing ethical practices and risk management strategies rooted in Sharia principles. By integrating insights from these sources, we gain a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical underpinnings of financial derivatives, highlighting the need for ethical considerations and alternative risk management approaches in contemporary financial systems.

Financial derivatives are essential instruments in modern financial markets, deriving their value from underlying assets and serving purposes such as hedging, speculation, and arbitrage. Abdelkader Amara et al. emphasize the nonlinear nature and fractional dynamics of these instruments, underscoring their broad applicability across various fields. Building on this foundation, it is crucial to explore the different types of financial derivatives available. The concept of forensic accounting information, as discussed by Sergei A. Zvyagin (2023), sheds light on the potential deformation of financial data due to illegal influences, further underscoring the need for a comprehensive understanding of derivatives to effectively navigate the complexities of financial markets. By incorporating insights from Amara et al. (2024) and Zvyagin (2023), a holistic view of financial derivatives emerges, highlighting the importance of accurate data and analytical frameworks in financial decision-making.

Sophisticated pricing models are necessary for accurately assessing the value of financial derivatives and managing associated risks. Innovative approaches, such as hybrid equity-rate derivatives, present challenges due to their complex structures. The framework introduced by Justin Lars Kirkby (2021) offers a novel solution for pricing equity swaps and other hybrid derivatives under stochastic short-rate models, overcoming traditional method limitations through Continuous Time Markov Chain approximation. Additionally, Sebastian F. Tudor et al. (2021) present a parametrization class of local volatility diffusion models for pricing and hedging derivatives, offering a solid theoretical foundation for efficient model calibration and reliable volatility function extrapolation. These advancements not only enhance derivative pricing accuracy but also demonstrate the evolution of analytical tools to meet the demands of contemporary financial markets, thereby shaping a robust theoretical framework for financial derivatives.

The Black-Scholes model, a cornerstone of financial mathematics, relies on key assumptions to effectively price derivatives, primarily by replicating an option's payoff through dynamic hedging strategies. This model assumes that market movements follow a geometric Brownian motion, a simplification that, while powerful, fails to capture the full complexity of real-world financial markets. Recent advancements, such as robust finance, aim to address the uncertainties and variations inherent in market dynamics. Martingale Optimal Transport (MOT), explored by Tongseok Lim (2023), extends the Black-Scholes model's applicability to multi-asset scenarios and path-dependent derivatives, providing a more robust pricing mechanism in markets where asset correlations and price paths are significant factors. Integrating MOT into pricing strategies allows financial institutions in Kenya to better navigate the complexities of their local markets, improving the accuracy and reliability of derivative pricing models.

Furthermore, advancements in information-theoretic approaches to derivative pricing, which view the market as an information-processing system, offer new insights into equilibrium states and market dynamics. These approaches align with robust finance principles, addressing the uncertainties inherent in market movements and offering a more comprehensive understanding of pricing in emerging markets. Incorporating these recent developments into Kenya's financial landscape can significantly improve the robustness of derivative pricing models, making them more adaptable to the unique challenges of emerging markets. This not only enhances market efficiency but also supports the growth and stability of the financial derivatives market in Kenya.

METHODOLOGY

This article aims to explore strategies for fostering the growth of financial derivatives markets in Kenya, guided by the research question: "**How can we enhance the growth of the financial derivatives market in Kenya?"** To address this question, the study employed a two-pronged methodological approach:

1. **Textual Analysis:** The research involved a comprehensive review of existing literature, including reports, articles, and relevant documents related to financial derivatives markets. This analysis helped to establish a theoretical foundation and identify key challenges and opportunities within the context of Kenya's financial sector.
2. **Qualitative Survey:** A qualitative survey was conducted using a snowball sampling technique to collect data from key stakeholders. This involved interviewing and distributing questionnaires to 20 officials from the Kenya Capital Markets Authority (CMA). The snowballing approach allowed for a more targeted and in-depth exploration of the perspectives and insights of industry experts involved in derivatives trading and regulation.

By combining textual analysis with qualitative data from CMA officials, the study aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the current state of the financial derivatives market in Kenya and identify actionable strategies for its enhancement.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The challenges facing financial derivatives markets in Kenya are multifaceted and require a comprehensive approach for effective resolution. These challenges range from regulatory issues and inadequate infrastructure to a lack of investor awareness and understanding. From the findings and the preceding sections, the need for improved regulatory frameworks, increased transparency, and enhanced risk management practices featured out during data collections this fact is crucial for the development and sustainability of financial derivatives markets in Kenya. Additionally, addressing the issue of market illiquidity and developing a robust market infrastructure will be essential for attracting both domestic and foreign investors. By implementing these recommendations, Kenya can overcome the existing challenges and foster a conducive environment for the growth of financial derivatives markets in the country. Moving forward, further research and collaboration with industry stakeholders will be necessary to address these challenges and ensure the long-term success of financial derivatives markets in Kenya. Only by collectively addressing these issues can Kenya fully realize the potential benefits of financial derivatives markets for its economy.

Additionally, the findings of this study highlight the importance of the establishment of a robust regulatory framework. This would involve creating and enforcing clear rules and regulations that govern the operations of financial institutions involved in derivative trading. By enhancing regulatory oversight, the government can mitigate risks such as fraud, manipulation, and insider trading, which are common in less regulated markets. Additionally, implementing measures to enhance transparency and accountability in the derivatives market can help build trust among investors and encourage greater participation. Strengthening risk management practices and promoting investor education are also crucial steps towards developing a more resilient and sustainable derivatives market in Kenya. Overall, by addressing these challenges and implementing these proposed solutions, Kenya can unlock the full potential of its financial derivatives market and promote economic growth and stability in the region.

The research findings underscore the importance of strategic risk management practices in the financial sector for optimal performance and sustainability. The insights from (Wandabusi Celestine et. al., 2023) emphasize the critical role of cash flow in enhancing the financial performance of insurance firms listed on the Nairobi Securities Exchange. The study's validation of a positive impact of cash flow on financial performance highlights the significance of internal financing for bolstering cash reserves and ultimately improving returns. Additionally, (Jerono L & Olweny T., 2023) showcases the positive effects of comprehensive risk management practices, including liquidity, operational, credit, and market risk management, on the financial performance of microfinance institutions in Kiambu County, Kenya. The recommendations provided in (Alice Jerono et al.) to enhance risk management practices align with the broader significance of effective risk management strategies in driving financial performance across diverse financial institutions, emphasizing the need for proactive risk mitigation measures to achieve sustainable growth and profitability in the financial derivatives markets of Kenya.

Given the current state of Kenya's financial derivatives markets, it is imperative to consider several recommendations for future development. Firstly, there is a need to enhance regulatory oversight to ensure market transparency and integrity. This can be achieved through the implementation of strict reporting requirements and regular monitoring of market participants. Additionally, there is a need to promote investor education and awareness to increase market participation and reduce the level of risk associated with derivatives trading. This can be achieved through the development of educational programs and workshops targeting both retail and institutional investors. Lastly, there is a need to diversify the range of derivative products available in the market to cater to a wider range of investors and provide better hedging opportunities. By implementing these recommendations, Kenya can further develop its financial derivatives markets and enhance its overall financial stability

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