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Recently, the Economic Community of West African States celebrated its 50th anniversary.

About Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

- It is the regional group established by signing the Lagos Treaty on the 28th of May **1975 in Lagos, Nigeria.**
- **Aim**
  - To **promote cooperation and integration**, leading to the establishment of an **economic union in West Africa** in order to **raise the living standards** of its peoples, and to maintain and enhance economic stability, foster relations-among Member States and contribute to the progress and development of the African continent.
  - To have a single common currency and create a single, large trading bloc in areas of industry, transport, telecommunications, energy, financial issues, and social and cultural matters.
- **Member countries:** The current Member States of ECOWAS are Benin, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sénégal and Togo.

- On January 29, 2025, Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger officially withdrew from ECOWAS.
- Along with the goals of economic cooperation, it has attempted to quell military conflicts in the region.
- It also operated a regional **peacekeeping operation known as ECOMOG,** led by Nigeria in the 1990s and early 2000s.
- **Headquarter:** Abuja, Nigeria.

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) FAQs

Q1: What is the main purpose of ECOWAS?

Ans: The main goal of ECOWAS is to promote economic cooperation among member states in order to raise living standards and promote economic development

Q2: Is India a member of ECOWAS?

Ans: India has had an Observer Status in ECOWAS since 2004.

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