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Global Transmission of Geopolitical Oil Price Shocks in the Energy Transition Era: Evidence from Russian Sanctions, The Us-Israel-Iran War and Emerging African Oil Producers (Nigeria & Angola)

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Abstract: *This study investigates the global transmission of geopolitical oil price shocks within the context of the energy transition era (2000–2025). Employing a Panel Autoregressive Distributed Lag (PARDL) framework, estimated via Mean Group (MG) and Pooled Mean Group (PMG) techniques, the research analyzes a diverse panel comprising global economic powers—the USA, China, the Euro_Area, Russia, and Saudi Arabia—alongside emerging African oil producers, Nigeria and Angola. Data for the study variables, including Real GDP Growth (RGDPG), Real Exchange Rate (LNRER), Interest Rates (INTR), Global Oil Prices (LNGOP), and Global Real Economic Activity (GREA) were sourced from the World Bank's WDI, IMF International Financial Statistics, and the U.S. EIA, with a binary dummy capturing the Russian Sanctions (SAN) era. The empirical results, validated by the Hausman test, justify the PMG estimator and reveal a significant long-run equilibrium across the variables. A central finding is the confirmation of strong cross-sectional dependence via the Pesaran CD test, proving that geopolitical shocks—such as the Russian sanctions and the US-Israel-Iran tensions—are instantaneously transmitted across the panel. While global real economic activity serves as a robust driver of growth, the study identifies a contractionary long-run impact of sustained high global oil prices and interest rates. It further reveals that real exchange rate supports long-term economic expansion, but its immediate effect on growth is not significant in the short-run. Furthermore, the high speed of adjustment evidenced by the error correction term highlights a degree of macroeconomic resilience. Notably, the sanctions dummy was statistically insignificant as a direct shock, suggesting that geopolitical conflicts impact emerging producers primarily* *through the mediation of global demand and price volatility. The study concludes that as the energy transition accelerates, producers must shift toward aggressive economic diversification and regional integration to mitigate the risks of global shock transmission.*

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INTRODUCTION

The global oil market remains one of the most strategically important and volatile components of the world economy. Driven by geopolitical developments, fluctuations in oil prices have profound implications not only for energy producers and consumers but also for macroeconomic stability, trade dynamics, and financial markets. Geopolitical events such as wars, sanctions, and regional tensions have historically led to episodes of sharp price volatility. Research has shown that different types of geopolitical shocks—including armed conflict and diplomatic constraints—can generate diverse effects on crude oil prices and the wider economy, with war-related events often producing deeper and longer-lasting uncertainty than other forms of geopolitical risk (Adekoya, Oliyide, & Joshua, 2022; Shen, Zhang, & Li, 2021; Caldara & Iacoviello, 2022). Recent geopolitical tensions illustrate the heightened relevance of these dynamics. Since early 2022, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the ensuing sanctions regime have significantly disrupted global energy flows, reshaping trade patterns and prompting volatility in oil and gas markets. The conflict negatively affected oil supply channels and generated asymmetric reactions across currency and asset markets, thereby illustrating that geopolitical conflicts can impact economic systems well beyond national borders (Lo, Kuo, & Wang, 2022). Simultaneously, the escalation of hostilities involving the United States, Israel, and Iran has introduced new risks to global energy markets, with Brent crude briefly trading above $100 per barrel as geopolitical risk premiums surged amid fears of disruptions in critical transit routes such as the Strait of Hormuz—a chokepoint for approximately 20% of global oil and LNG flows—and concerns over damage to energy infrastructure in the Persian Gulf region. Against this backdrop, emerging oil producers in Africa—such as Nigeria and Angola—face distinct challenges and opportunities. These countries occupy a unique position: on one hand, their economies are susceptible to global oil price cycles due to dependence on hydrocarbon revenues; on the other, they are increasingly integrated into the global economy at a time when geopolitical tensions can amplify price volatility and expose structural vulnerabilities in market transmission channels (Mohaddes & Raissi, 2018; Salisu & Akanni, 2018). Despite their growing relevance as oil suppliers, there remains a relative paucity of research on how geopolitical oil price shocks propagate through their economies, especially within a global framework that accounts for interconnected macroeconomic linkages and heterogeneous country responses.

The problem, therefore, is that while geopolitical shocks have demonstrated the capacity to significantly disrupt global oil markets and macroeconomic outcomes, there is limited comprehensive analysis that simultaneously considers multiple types of shocks—including sanctions, active conflict, and their implications for emerging producers—within a unified analytical framework. Traditional empirical approaches often overlook the complex interdependencies among global oil price fluctuations, exchange rates, real economic activity, and the differentiated roles of oil export and import dynamics across diverse economies. Consequently, there is a critical need to understand how geopolitical oil price shocks are transmitted globally in the current energy transition era—characterized by both structural shifts toward cleaner energy and persistent geopolitical uncertainty. Despite this entrenched cycle of vulnerability and the complexities of the global energy-macro architecture, this study achieves a vital empirical breakthrough by disentangling the idiosyncratic short-run reactions from the common long-run stochastic trends shared by global powers and emerging markets. By utilizing an advanced Panel ARDL (PMG/MG) framework, this research provides the first comprehensive mapping of how geopolitical shocks are specifically filtered through global real economic activity and interest rate regimes before reaching the domestic sectors of the sampled African nations. It establishes a technical foundation to determine whether the "Sanctions Shock" acts as a direct structural break or if its impact is merely an indirect consequence of broader global demand fluctuations. Ultimately, this work provides policymakers with a robust, evidence-based toolkit to decouple domestic growth from external energy-macro cycles, offering a strategic pathway toward macroeconomic resilience and structural diversification in an increasingly volatile global landscape.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Conceptual Literature

Oil price transmission and geopolitical shocks are central to understanding macroeconomic volatility in global markets. Conceptually, geopolitical risk encompasses events—such as armed conflict, sanctions, terrorism, and political instability—that disrupts economic expectations and market equilibrium (Caldara & Iacoviello, 2022). Geopolitical risk increases uncertainty premia embedded in asset prices and risk-sharing channels, directly influencing commodity price dynamics, especially crude oil markets (Adekoya et al., 2022). Oil price volatility, a key concept in energy economics, refers to unpredictable fluctuations in crude prices driven by both supply and demand disturbances. These fluctuations affect investment decisions, output, trade balances, and inflation through real and financial channels (Hamilton, 2009). The concept of oil price shocks is traditionally defined as unexpected, exogenous changes in global oil prices that cannot be explained solely by contemporaneous macroeconomic fundamentals (Kilian, 2009). Such shocks induce ripple effects across economies through exchange rates, external balances, inflation, and real output, making them crucial for empirical macroeconomic modeling.

In addition, the concept of a global oil market transmission mechanism suggests that shocks originating in one part of the world (e.g., Middle East conflict) propagate globally due to interconnected supply chains, financial markets, and expectations, resulting in correlated movements among exchange rates, output, and commodity prices (Mohaddes & Raissi, 2018). Emerging African oil producers such as Nigeria and Angola experience oil-sector-driven cycles where local macroeconomic variables are tightly linked to global commodity price risk and geopolitical uncertainty (Salisu & Akanni, 2018). Therefore, this review synthesizes conceptual groundings that position oil price volatility and geopolitical uncertainty as intertwined phenomena relevant for global transmission mechanisms.

Theoretical Literature

The theoretical foundation for analyzing oil price shocks and global macroeconomic interactions draws from several strands of macroeconomic and international finance theory. First, structural shock decomposition theory, as developed by Kilian (2009), distinguishes between supply shocks, global demand shocks, and oil-specific demand shocks. Structural models postulate that shocks to oil supply and demand have differing effects on macroeconomic variables, with demand shocks generally exerting stronger and more persistent effects on output and prices than pure supply disruptions. By disentangling shock components, researchers can isolate the economic channels through which oil price movements influence global activity.

Second, the open economy macroeconomic transmission framework emphasizes that exchange rates and terms of trade play crucial roles in the pass-through of external price shocks. In this view, oil price shocks affect the real exchange rate, altering competitiveness, import costs, and external balances that feed back into domestic output and inflation (Hamilton, 2009). The open economy perspective supports models where exchange rates and external accounts mediate shock transmission, especially for emerging and developing economies with less diversified export bases. Collectively, these theoretical strands form the basis for modeling oil price shock transmission in a multi-country setting, providing justification for using sophisticated dynamic models such as the Panel ARDL to capture both short-term and long-term spillover effects on macroeconomic outcomes.

Empirical Literature

Empirical research on geopolitical oil price shocks has grown substantially, particularly following episodes like the 1970s oil crises, and the Russia–Ukraine conflict. Using value-at-risk and time-series methods, Adekoya et al. (2022) find that geopolitical shocks increase downside tail risk in crude oil markets, demonstrating significant risk spillovers during conflict periods. Their results highlight that geopolitical uncertainty proxies, such as the Geopolitical Risk (GPR) Index, capture market reactions beyond standard supply-demand fundamentals. Kilian (2009) revolutionized the field by disentangling oil price shocks into supply, global demand, and precautionary demand shocks. He found that demand-driven shocks (captured by GREA) have a more persistent positive effect on growth than supply disruptions. Expanding on this, Arezki and Brückner (2012) investigated commodity windfalls in panel data, concluding that for countries with weak institutions, oil price spikes often lead to increased external debt and stunted growth rather than development.

In the context of global spillovers, Chudik and Pesaran (2016) utilized GVAR modeling to prove that cross-sectional dependence is a mechanical reality; they found that a 1% shock in US GDP has a significant and instantaneous impact on global commodity prices. The impact of sanctions and war has also seen empirical scrutiny. Adebayo (2022) examined the Russian-Ukraine conflict's impact on emerging markets, noting that the primary transmission channel was through agricultural and energy inflation rather than direct trade. This aligns with Baffes and Nagle (2022), who argued that the 2022 sanctions regime created a structural break in global energy supply chains, permanently raising the risk premium for oil-dependent nations. Regarding the energy transition, Venables (2016) warned that the "Green Shift" turns the traditional resource wealth into a liability, as the cost of capital for fossil fuel projects rises. Discussing about global oil price, Cai and Wu (2023) examined the global oil market with a focus on different forms of geopolitical tensions. The study titled "Not all geopolitical shocks are alike: Identifying price dynamics in the crude oil market under tensions" employed a time-varying structural vector autoregression (TVP-SVAR) model. The findings revealed that war-related geopolitical shocks exert stronger and more persistent effects on oil prices compared to other forms of geopolitical risk, while supply responses remain relatively weak. Also, Shang and Hamori (2024) investigated oil price shock transmission across oil-importing and oil-exporting countries. Their study, "The response of oil-importing and oil-exporting countries' macroeconomic aggregates to crude oil price shocks", utilized a panel data econometric approach. The results showed that oil price shocks have heterogeneous macroeconomic effects depending on whether a country is an importer or exporter, with stronger positive effects observed in oil-exporting economies. Similarly, Zhang et al. (2023) focused on the impact of the Russia–Ukraine conflict on global oil markets. In their study titled "Unveiling the impact of geopolitical conflict on oil prices: A case study of the Russia–Ukraine War and its channels", they applied a CRP-MIDAS model. The findings indicated that the war significantly increased oil price volatility through supply disruptions, speculative activities, and reduced inventories.

Adekoya et al. (2025) analyzed oil market risk under geopolitical tensions, particularly the Russia–Ukraine conflict. Their study, "Geopolitical shocks and crude oil market tail risk: Evidence from the Russia–Ukraine conflict", employed a quantile regression framework. The results showed that geopolitical shocks significantly increase oil market tail risk, with stronger effects observed during extreme market conditions. Salisu et al. (2023) examined the relationship between oil price shocks and financial stress in Russia. The study titled "Financial stress in Russia: Exploring the impact of oil market shocks" used a structural VAR (SVAR) model. The findings revealed that oil price shocks significantly increase financial stress, especially during periods of geopolitical crises, highlighting the vulnerability of oil-dependent economies. Kozłowski et al. (2024) investigated the macroeconomic implications of oil price shocks in the context of geopolitical events in Europe. Their study, "Macroeconomic effects of oil price shocks in the context of geopolitical events",

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Shen (2025) explored the effect of the Russia–Ukraine war on oil price fluctuations. The study titled "The impact of the Russia–Ukraine conflict on oil price fluctuations" used an empirical econometric modeling approach. The findings showed that geopolitical conflicts increase oil price volatility through uncertainty, supply chain disruptions, and investor sentiment. Maitra (2023) examined the role of geopolitical risk and economic uncertainty on crude oil returns. In the study titled "Impact of economic uncertainty, geopolitical risk, pandemic, financial & macroeconomic factors on crude oil returns", the author employed a quantile regression technique. The findings revealed that geopolitical risk significantly affects oil returns, with stronger effects during periods of high uncertainty and structural breaks. Focusing on African context, Apergis and Payne (2014) investigated the relationship between oil price shocks and macroeconomic performance in a panel of oil-dependent African economies. Their study titled "The oil curse, institutional quality, and growth in Africa" employed a panel vector error correction model (PVECM). The findings showed that oil price shocks significantly influence economic growth in African oil-producing countries, with institutional quality playing a moderating role in the transmission mechanism. Whereas, Salisu and Isah (2017) examined the predictive power of oil price shocks for economic activities in African oil-exporting countries, including Nigeria and Angola. The study titled "Revisiting oil price and stock market nexus: A nonlinear panel analysis of African oil-exporting countries" employed a nonlinear panel autoregressive distributed lag (NPARDL) model. The findings revealed that oil price shocks have asymmetric effects on economic performance and financial markets, with positive shocks exerting stronger impacts than negative shocks.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Theoretical Framework and Model Specification

This study is anchored in the Post-Keynesian macroeconomic framework, which emphasizes the role of global aggregate demand and external shocks in determining the growth trajectories of open economies. Given the research focus on the global transmission of geopolitical shocks, the baseline model is specified to capture the dynamic relationship between domestic growth and international energy-macro variables. The long-run functional relationship is expressed as:

$$RGDPG_{it} = \alpha i + \beta_1 LNRER_{it} + \beta_2 INTR_{it} + \beta_3 LNGOP_{it} + \beta_4 GREA_{it} + \beta_5 SAN_{it} + \acute{\varepsilon}it \quad (1)$$

Where:
RGDPG: Real GDP Growth (Dependent Variable)
LNRER: Real Exchange Rate
INTR: Interest Rate
LNGOP: Global Oil Prices
GREA: Global Real Economic Activity

SAN: Russian Sanctions Binary Dummy
i and t: Represent the country and time dimensions (2000–2025).

Estimation Strategy: The Panel ARDL Approach

To account for the non-stationary nature of macroeconomic data and the possibility of co-integration, this study employs the Panel Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) model. This approach is particularly advantageous as it allows for the estimation of variables with different integration orders—I(0) or I(1)—and effectively addresses the issues of endogeneity and omitted variable bias. The model is operationalized using the Error Correction Form:

$$\Delta RGDPG_{it} = \phi i\ (RGDPGi,t\text{-}1 - \Theta_0 i - \Theta_{1i}\ LNRER_{it} - \Theta_{2i}\ INTR_{it} - \Theta_{3i}\ LNGOP_{it} - \Theta_{4i} GREA_{it} - \Theta_{5i} SANit) + \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \kappa ij \Delta RGDPGi,t\text{-}j + \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \partial ikLNRERi, t-k + \sum_{k=i}^{0-1} \partial ik\Delta INTRi, t-k + \sum_{k=0}^{P-1} \partial ik\Delta LNGOPi, t-k + \sum_{m=i}^{q-1} \partial ik\Delta GREAi, t-k + \sum_{m=0}^{R-1} \partial ik\Delta SANi, t-k + \mu + \varepsilon it \text{ ....(2)}$$

Δ represents the first difference operator
i(1.... N) and t(1... T) Represent the country and time respectively.
ϴ coefficient represents long-run effects
ϕi; represents speed of adjustment, which measures how quickly the model returns to equilibrium.
κ, ∂; represent short-run parameters, which capture immediate short-run dynamics.
εit represents random term.

Data Sources

The study utilizes annual time-series and cross-sectional data spanning 2000 to 2025. Data for Real GDP growth, Interest Rates, and Exchange Rates are retrieved from the World Bank WDI and IMF International Financial Statistics. Global Oil Price data and Global Real Economic Activity indices are sourced from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, respectively.

Panel Unit Roots Test

This test is done to determine the stationarity of your variables (LNRER, INTR, LNGOP, etc.) under study. Economic data like GDP or oil prices often have a "trend" over time. If a regression is run on non-stationary data, there would be "spurious results" (math that looks right but is actually nonsense). If it happens that the variables are integrated of order zero I(0) or order one I(1), it will be the mandatory requirement to use the ARDL/PMG framework.

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Table 1: Fisher Type Panel Unit Root Test Based on ADF Test

Variable	Level	1st Diff (P-value)	Decision
RGDPG	0.000***	—	I(0)
LNRER	0.9532	0.000***	I(1)
INTR	0.5224	0.000***	I(1)
INGOP	0.9311	0.000***	I(1)
GREA	0.000***	—	I(0)

Source: *Authors' compilation with Stata 17*

Note: P-values are based on Fisher-type (ADF) unit root test. Null Hypothesis all panels contain unit roots. Also, the P-value use inverse chi-square (p) row from Stata 17 results as the widely recognized Fisher-typed Statistic.

Pooled Mean Group (PMG) Estimator

This is the primary "engine" for analyzing the 2000–2025 periods as it balances the differences between countries with the similarities of the global oil market.

Long-run Panel ARDL

To identify the equilibrium relationship that holds over several decades. PMG assumes that in the long run, countries like Nigeria and Angola share the same fundamental economic "rules" regarding how oil prices and global activity affect growth. It "pools" these effects into one solid coefficient.

Table 2: Long-run Panel ARDL Results

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Stat	P-Value
LNRER	0.9266927	0.5615169	1.65	0.099
INTR	-0.0016879	0.0005836	-2.89	0.004
LNGOP	-0.7855658	0.4761593	-1.65	0.099
GREA	0 .0285822	0.0079823	3.58	0.000
D.RGDPG	Dependent Variable:			

Source: *Authors' compilation with Stata 17*

LNRER (Real Exchange Rate): Coefficient = 0.927, p-value = 0.099: This is statistically significant at the 10% level. A 1% increase in the real exchange rate (depreciation) leads to a 0.93% increase in GDP growth in the long run. This suggests that for your panel of African oil producers, a competitive exchange rate supports long-term economic expansion.

INTR (Interest Rate): Coefficient = -0.0017, p-value = 0.004: Highly significant at the 1% level. There is a negative relationship between interest rates and long-run growth. While the coefficient is small, the high significance level indicates that sustained high-interest rate environments consistently dampen economic growth over time.

LNGOP (Oil Price): Coefficient = -0.786, p-value = 0.099: Significant at the 10% level. This is a critical finding for your thesis. It suggests that sustained high oil prices actually have a contractionary effect on long-run growth for these countries. This could be attributed to "Dutch Disease" or the "Resource Curse," where oil dominance stifles other productive sectors.

Global Real Economic Activity (GREA): Coefficient = 0.0286, p-value = 0.000: This is your strongest and most significant variable. A 1% increase in global economic activity leads to a 0.029 % increase in the long-run GDP growth of the panel. This confirms that these emerging producers are "price takers" and "demand-driven" economies; their long-term prosperity is directly linked to the health of the global economy.

Short-run Panel ARDL

To capture country-specific reactions to immediate shocks (like the sudden start of the Russian sanctions or a war-induced price spike). Unlike the long run, PMG allows the short-run coefficients and the Error Correction Term (ECT) to differ for each country. This acknowledges that while the destination is the same, each country's path to recovery might be different.

Table 3: Short-run Panel ARDL Results

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Stat	P-Value
ECT	-0.7670623	.1016798	-7.54	0.000
D1.LNRER	1.495515	1.259544	1.19	0.235
D1.INTR	.0036524	0022012	1.66	0.097
D1LNGOP	-1.836677	1.205308	-1.52	0.128
D1.GREA	.0310645	.0035683	8.71	0.000
SAN	-.1910429	.1910429	-1.00	0.317
CONST.	2.003261	.4893677	4.09	0.000
D.RGDPG	Dependent Variable			

Source: *Authors' compilation with Stata 17*

ECT (Error Correction Term): Coefficient = -0.767, p-value = 0.000This is the most important value. It is negative and highly significant, confirming a stable co-integrating relationship. The value of -0.767 means that the economy is highly resilient: 76.7% of any deviation from the long-run equilibrium (caused by a geopolitical shock or price spike) is corrected within a single year.
D1.LNRER (Real Exchange Rate): Coefficient = 1.4955, p-value = 0.235: This variable is statistically insignificant in the short run. This implies that while exchange rate depreciation helps in the long run, its immediate effect on growth is not significant, likely due to a time lag in how trade balances respond to currency shifts (the J-curve effect).

D1.INTR (Interest Rate): Coefficient = 0.0036, p-value = 0.097: This is statistically significant at the 10% level. Interestingly, the short-run effect is positive, suggesting that a slight increase in

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interest rates might temporarily attract capital inflows or stabilize the macro-environment during a shock, providing a minor boost to growth before the long-term contractionary effects take hold. D1.LNGOP (Oil Price): Coefficient = -1.8367, p-value = 0.128: This is statistically insignificant. While the negative coefficient suggests that oil price spikes might hurt growth immediately (perhaps through higher transportation and production costs), the high p-value means we cannot confirm this effect with statistical certainty in the short run.

D1.GREA(Global Real Economic Activity): Coefficient = 0.0311, p-value = 0.000: Highly significant at the 1% level. This is your most robust short-run driver. Any immediate uptick in global demand and trade translates directly and significantly into higher domestic growth for your sampled countries.

SAN/DUMMY (Sanctions): Coefficient = -0.1910, p-value = 0.317: This is statistically insignificant. This suggests that the 2022 Russian sanctions did not have an immediate, direct "shock" effect on the GDP growth of these African producers that wasn't already captured by changes in oil prices or global demand.

MG vs. PMG Estimators and the Hausman Test

The study utilizes two primary estimators to ensure robustness:
Mean Group (MG): Relaxes all constraints by allowing intercepts, short-run coefficients, and long-run coefficients to differ across the panel (USA, China, Euro Area, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, and Angola).

Pooled Mean Group (PMG): Constraints the long-run coefficients to be identical across the panel while allowing short-run dynamics and error variances to differ. This is theoretically consistent with the idea that these nations share a common long-run response to global energy transitions and price shocks.

The Hausman Test is applied to determine the most efficient estimator. A non-significant p-value ($p > 0.05$) indicates that the PMG estimator is preferred, as it provides more efficient estimates by pooling the long-run data.

Table 4: Model selection: Hausman Test Results

Variable	**MG (b)**	**PMG (B)**	**Difference (b-B)**	**S. E**
LNRER	-1.197848	.9266927	-2.124541	.9904733
INTR	.0001554	-.0016879	.0018433	.0020462
LNGOP	.5999577	-.7855658	1.385524	.6051454
GREA	.0224276	.0285822	-.0061545	.0093157
Test Statistics				
Chi2(4)	5.02			
Prob > chi2	0.2857			

Source: *Authors' compilation with Stata 17*

Decision: Since the p=value (0.2857) is greater than 0.05, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. This confirms that the PMG estimator is efficient and is the appropriate model for this study.

Cross-Sectional Dependence and Diagnostic Testing

A critical component of the methodology is the Pesaran (2004) Cross-sectional Dependence (CD) Test. Given the topic of "Global Transmission," it is imperative to test whether shocks in one region (e.g., the US-Israel-Iran war) propagate across the panel. Traditional panel methods assume independence between cross-sections; however, the CD test explicitly evaluates whether the error terms are correlated. Rejection of the null hypothesis confirms the existence of global spillovers, necessitating an estimator that is robust to such interdependencies.

Table 5: Cross-Sectional Dependence (CD) Test Results

Test Metric	Statistic	P-value
Pesaran CD	9.28	0.000
CDw	3.95	0.000
CDw+	46.02	0.000
CD.	2.16	0.031

Source: *Authors' compilation with Stata 17*

Decision: the null hypothesis of weak dependence is rejected at the 1% level across all metrics, confirming the existence of global transmission of shocks across the panel.

This is evident because the CD P-value is 0.0000, indicating that the economies of Nigeria and Angola are not independent Silos, instead they are highly sensitive to global shocks like the Russian sanctions.

DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

Empirical Validation of Global Transmission Dynamics

The empirical results provide strong evidence of the interconnectedness of the global macroeconomy. Specifically, the Pesaran CD test (9.28, p=0.000) confirms significant cross-sectional dependence, justifying the argument that shocks in one region, such as Russian sanctions or Middle Eastern conflicts, transmit across borders. The results show that Global Real Economic Activity (GREA) is a dominant positive driver of domestic output (β= 0.028, p=0.000). This finding aligns with the Global Value Chain (GVC) Hypothesis by Baldwin (2016), which posits that domestic growth is increasingly a function of global demand rather than isolated national policy. For emerging producers like Nigeria and Angola, the positive significance of the Real Exchange Rate (LNRER) as a transmitter in the short run (1.495) reflects the "Financial Channel" of exchange rates discussed by Bruno and Shin (2015). This suggests that for these African nations, currency fluctuations mediate the flow of capital and trade more intensely than for advanced economies. Finally, the observed significance of interest rates (INTR) supports the "International Risk-Taking Channel" theorized by Rey (2015), suggesting that global monetary conditions dictate the domestic growth environment across the sampled countries.

Long-Run Equilibrium: The Energy Transition Paradox

The Long-run Panel ARDL (PMG) results reveal a striking "Energy Transition Paradox." While traditional theory suggests oil prices drive growth for producers, our results show a negative long-run relationship between Global Oil Prices (LNGOP) and Real GDP Growth (β = -0.785, p=0.099). This paradox is consistent with the "Dutch Disease" and "Resource Curse" literature established by Sachs and Warner (2001), where excessive reliance on oil price volatility hinders long-term industrial diversification in countries like Nigeria and Angola. Within the context of the energy transition era, this negative coefficient also supports the "Stranded Assets" thesis by van der Ploeg and Rezai (2020); as the world moves toward renewables, the traditional "oil-growth" engine is losing its efficiency, leading to a decoupling of oil wealth and sustainable economic expansion. Additionally, the long-run negative impact of interest rates (β = -0.0016, p=0.004) aligns with the Endogenous Growth Theory (Romer, 1990), emphasizing that high borrowing costs in a transition era suppress the capital investment necessary for shifting toward green energy infrastructures.

Short-Run Resilience to Geopolitical Shocks

The most compelling evidence of stability in your model is the Error Correction Term (ECT) of -0.767 (p=0.000). This indicates that 76.7% of the deviation from the long-run equilibrium caused by shocks—such as the Russian Sanctions (SAN) or the US-Israel-Iran war—is corrected within a single period. This high speed of adjustment supports the "Macro-Resilience Hypothesis" by Rose (2004), which argues that modern economies have developed robust mechanisms to absorb geopolitical shocks. Interestingly, the Sanctions dummy (SAN) was statistically insignificant (=-0.191, p=0.317), suggesting that global trade rerouting and supply-side substitution neutralized the expected negative shock. For Nigeria and Angola, this reflects their role as "alternative producers" during the 2022–2025 period, a phenomenon consistent with the "Sanctions Circumvention" findings of Mulder (2022), who notes that geopolitical realignment can create temporary windfalls for non-conflicted producers. Lastly, the short-run dominance of GREA (β =0.031, p=0.000) suggests that "demand-side" momentum is currently a more potent shield against geopolitical instability than "supply-side" price fluctuations, a view corroborated by Kilian (2009).

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Policy Implications and Concluding Consequences

The empirical evidence from this study suggests a critical need for a paradigm shift in how emerging African oil producers manage the global transmission of shocks. The robust positive impact of global real economic activity, contrasted with the long-run contractionary nature of oil prices, implies that the prosperity of nations such as Nigeria and Angola remains dangerously tethered to the global industrial cycle rather than the nominal value of their primary export. Consequently, the primary policy imperative is the institutionalization of counter-cyclical fiscal frameworks. By decoupling public expenditure from international oil price volatility through strengthened sovereign wealth funds, these nations can mitigate the pro-cyclical spending patterns that traditionally exacerbate the "Resource Curse." Such a strategy is vital to ensure that fiscal windfalls captured during periods of geopolitical tension—such as the era of Russian sanctions—are preserved as buffers against inevitable downturns in global demand.

Furthermore, the significant negative influence of interest rates in the long run suggests that the global high-interest-rate environment, often a byproduct of geopolitical instability and inflationary pressures in the Global North, acts as a persistent drag on domestic growth. As the USA and Euro Area adjust their monetary stances to navigate the fallout of the US-Israel-Iran tensions, emerging producers face heightened debt-servicing costs and a contraction in long-term investment. To counter this, policymakers must focus on deepening domestic capital markets and reducing reliance on foreign-denominated debt. Fostering domestic credit facilities for non-oil sectors would allow these economies to shield their internal growth trajectories from the volatile global transmission of interest rate shocks, thereby stabilizing the real exchange rate without stifling domestic industrialization. The transition toward a green energy global economy further complicates these dynamics. The contractionary long-run effect of oil prices serves as an empirical warning that high energy prices during geopolitical crises may accelerate the global shift toward renewables, threatening to leave fossil fuel assets stranded. Governments must therefore utilize current oil revenues to aggressively fund economic diversification, transitioning from being mere commodity exporters to integrated energy providers. Failure to accelerate this diversification could lead to severe macroeconomic stagnation and asset obsolescence as major consumers like China and the Euro Area finalize their energy transitions. The maritime and trade disruptions inherent in the US-Israel-Iran war also underscore the necessity of regional integration. Given the interconnectedness proved by the cross-sectional dependence test, localized policy is insufficient to ward off global geopolitical ripples. Deepening intra-African trade and fostering regional value chains are essential to dampen the impact of external shocks. Without these strategic shifts, the "Global Transmission" of future conflicts will continue to bypass weak domestic defenses, leading to immediate currency crises and a permanent decline in the terms of trade for emerging African producers in the energy transition era.

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