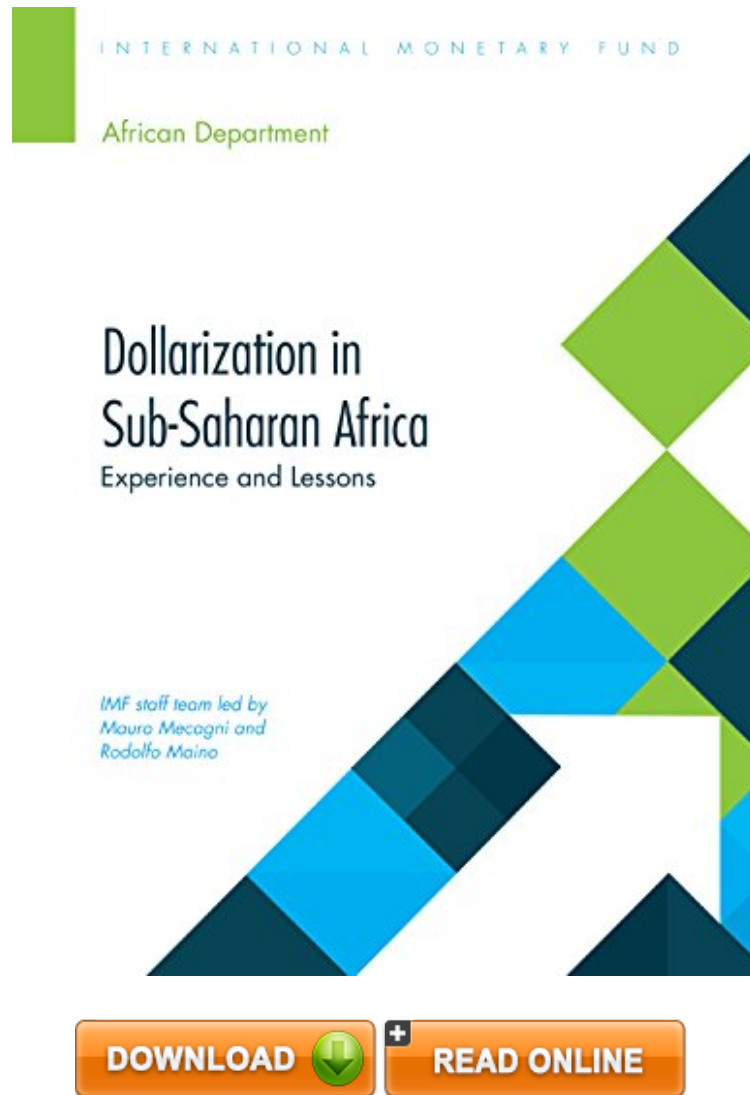


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literature by analyzing these issues with specific reference to the SSA region on the basis of the evidence for the past decade.