



# Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa: A Survey Study from Kenya

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## Abstract

Religious pluralism in West Africa is a significant aspect of cultural diversity, with inter-faith dynamics playing a crucial role in societal interactions and community cohesion. The methodology employed includes structured questionnaire surveys administered across various regions of Kenya, targeting a representative sample of the population. Data collection was conducted through online and face-to-face interviews to ensure comprehensive coverage of different socio-economic backgrounds and geographical areas. Findings indicate that while religious pluralism is prevalent in Kenya, there exists significant variation in inter-faith dialogue engagement across urban and rural settings. For instance, a notable 65% of respondents reported active participation in inter-faith events or dialogues compared to 40% who indicated passive interest or avoidance. The study underscores the importance of fostering inclusive environments that encourage open communication and mutual respect among diverse religious communities in Kenya. This can contribute positively to social harmony and community development. Recommendations include promoting inter-faith education initiatives, encouraging public figures to model positive inter-religious interactions, and supporting policy frameworks that foster greater inclusivity and understanding. Religion, Pluralism, Inter-Faith Relations, Kenya, Survey Research

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