



Gender and Power Dynamics in Côte d'Ivoire's Political Transitions,

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Abstract

Côte d'Ivoire has experienced significant political transitions in recent decades, including a period of civil war and subsequent peace negotiations. The research employs qualitative methods such as interviews with former combatants, women's rights activists, and local community leaders to understand the complex interplay of gender roles during transitions. A notable theme emerged regarding the underrepresentation of female voices in peace-building forums, suggesting that their perspectives are often marginalized despite contributing significantly to post-conflict recovery efforts. The analysis highlights the need for inclusive mechanisms that ensure equitable participation of all genders in political processes and decision-making frameworks. Policy recommendations include fostering gender-sensitive training programmes for mediators and peacebuilders, as well as implementing quotas for women's representation in governmental bodies.

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