



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa: A Tanzanian Perspective,

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Abstract

Religious pluralism in West Africa, exemplified by Tanzania, is characterized by coexistence of various religious communities and faith-based organizations. Qualitative research methods were employed, including semi-structured interviews with community leaders, focus group discussions, and archival analysis of documents related to religious organizations in Tanzania. A notable theme emerged from the data regarding the collaborative initiatives between Muslim and Christian communities aimed at addressing communal issues. The findings suggest that inter-faith dialogue and collaboration can significantly enhance social harmony in diverse religious settings, particularly in urban areas of Tanzania. Policy makers are encouraged to foster more inclusive platforms for dialogue among different faith groups to promote mutual understanding and cooperation.

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