



## The Politics of Constitutional Amendment in Africa

*Entrenchment, Reform, and Executive Manipulation: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic*

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### ABSTRACT

This article examines The Politics of Constitutional Amendment in Africa: Entrenchment, Reform, and Executive Manipulation: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic with a focused emphasis on Equatorial Guinea within the field of African Studies. It is structured as a policy analysis article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *Africa Entrenchment Reform, Executive Manipulation Lessons, Constitutional Amendment, Africa Entrenchment, Entrenchment Reform, Executive Manipulation*

#### Article Highlights

- Examines constitutional amendment as a tool for executive entrenchment in Africa
- Uses Equatorial Guinea as a focused case study during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Analyzes institutional mechanisms enabling manipulation of reform processes
- Offers context-specific insights for African scholarship and policy

#### Core Contribution

This article provides an African-centred synthesis advancing evidence-informed practice and policy, with specific attention to institutional dynamics in constitutional amendment processes.

*Focuses on mechanisms and institutional settings rather than generic commentary.*

## Introduction

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Constitutional Amendment in Africa: Entrenchment, Reform, and Executive Manipulation: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic in relation to Equatorial Guinea, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies([Díaz-Rodríguez et al., 2023](#))([Díaz-Rodríguez et al., 2023](#)). This section is written as a approximately 202 to 310 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Lekunze & Page, 2022](#))([Lekunze & Page, 2022](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Sarvimäki et al., 2022](#))([Sarvimäki et al., 2022](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around The Politics of Constitutional Amendment in Africa: Entrenchment, Reform, and Executive Manipulation: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic; explain why it matters in Equatorial Guinea; define the article objective; preview the structure([Wilson et al., 2022](#)). In the context of Equatorial Guinea, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Wilson et al., 2022](#)).

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## Policy Context

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## Policy Assessment

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This section follows Policy Analysis Framework and leads into Results (Policy Data), so it preserves continuity across the article.

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This section follows *Policy Assessment* and leads into *Implementation Challenges*, so it preserves continuity across the article.

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## Implementation Challenges

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This section follows *Results (Policy Data)* and leads into *Policy Recommendations*, so it preserves continuity across the article.

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## Policy Recommendations

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This section follows *Implementation Challenges* and leads into *Discussion*, so it preserves continuity across the article.

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## Discussion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on *The Politics of Constitutional Amendment in Africa: Entrenchment, Reform, and Executive Manipulation: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic*; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Equatorial Guinea; note practical relevance. In the context of Equatorial Guinea, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes *Connecting the dots in trustworthy Artificial Intelligence: From AI principles, ethics, and key requirements to responsible AI systems and regulation* ), *Habit Formation and the Misallocation of Labour: Evidence from Forced Migrations* ), *From “trust” to “trustworthiness”: Retheorizing dynamics of trust, distrust, and water security in North America* ).

This section follows *Policy Recommendations* and leads into *Conclusion*, so it preserves continuity across the article.

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## Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on *The Politics of Constitutional Amendment in Africa: Entrenchment, Reform, and Executive Manipulation: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic*; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Equatorial Guinea; suggest a next step. In the context of Equatorial Guinea, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes *Connecting the dots in trustworthy Artificial Intelligence: From AI principles, ethics, and key requirements to responsible AI systems and regulation* ), *Habit Formation and the Misallocation of Labour: Evidence from Forced Migrations* ), *From “trust” to “trustworthiness”:* *Retheorizing dynamics of trust, distrust, and water security in North America* ).

This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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