



Traditional Governance Structures in Southern Africa and Their Adaptation to Modern Democratic Processes in Côte d'Ivoire: A Comparative Perspective

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Abstract

This Perspective Piece explores traditional governance structures in Southern Africa as a comparative context for understanding their adaptation to modern democratic processes in Côte d'Ivoire. This analysis employs qualitative comparative methods, drawing on historical documents, ethnographic studies, and interviews with local stakeholders to understand the dynamic interactions between traditional governance structures and modern democracy. The conclusion highlights the mutual influences between traditional and modern democratic structures, suggesting that understanding these dynamics can inform better integration strategies for cross-cultural governance models. Recommendations include fostering dialogues between traditional leaders and contemporary democratic institutions to ensure continuity and effectiveness in governance processes.

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