



# Indigenous Legal Knowledge Systems in Uganda's Law Practice Comparative Analysis

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## Abstract

Indigenous legal knowledge systems in Uganda are deeply rooted in traditional practices and beliefs, influencing contemporary law practice through various mechanisms such as customary courts and community-based justice interventions. The research employs qualitative and semi-structured interviews with legal practitioners, community leaders, and customary court judges to analyse case studies from different regions of Uganda. Data triangulation is used for robust validation. Indigenous knowledge systems significantly influence the adjudication process in at least one-third of cases heard by traditional courts, particularly in resolving disputes related to land rights and inheritance. The study underscores the necessity for legal education reforms that incorporate indigenous jurisprudence, enhancing judicial inclusivity and legitimacy across Ugandan communities. Legal institutions should develop curricula that include indigenous knowledge systems, encouraging intercultural dialogue and promoting equitable justice practices. Policymakers are urged to support community-based justice initiatives as integral components of the legal system.

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