



# Pan-Africanism in the 21st Century: A Theoretical Framework for South Africa's Challenges and Opportunities

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## Abstract

Pan-Africanism has historically advocated for unity and solidarity among African nations, emphasising cultural heritage, shared experiences of colonialism, and mutual economic support. Theoretical synthesis and critical analysis of existing literature on Pan-Africanism and its application to African migration studies. The theoretical framework underscores the potential for Pan-Africanism to foster more inclusive policies that recognise the contributions of diaspora populations in South Africa's socio-economic growth. Policy makers should integrate Pan-Africanist principles into national strategies, particularly in areas such as economic development and social cohesion. This would necessitate a reevaluation of existing migration policies to better accommodate diaspora engagement.

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