



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in Nigerian West Africa

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Abstract

Religious pluralism in Nigeria's West Africa is characterized by diverse religious beliefs coexisting within communities and institutions. Data collection was conducted through semi-structured interviews with religious leaders, community members, and scholars. A significant proportion (45%) of respondents highlighted inter-religious dialogue as essential for resolving conflicts within their communities. Inter-faith initiatives have shown promise in fostering mutual respect and understanding among Nigeria's major religions. Promoting regular inter-faith dialogues and educational programmes can further enhance religious harmony in Nigerian West Africa.

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