



# Transitional Justice Mechanisms and Peacebuilding in Sierra Leone: A Legal Perspective

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## Abstract

This study examines transitional justice mechanisms (TJMs) in Sierra Leone as a legal framework for peacebuilding and reconciliation. A qualitative approach was employed through a review of legal documents, interviews with stakeholders, and secondary data analysis of TJM reports and related literature. The findings indicate that while the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has played a significant role in facilitating dialogue and accountability among victims and perpetrators, challenges such as resource allocation and political interference have hindered its effectiveness. There is also a need for more community-based initiatives to enhance societal acceptance of TJM outcomes. The transitional justice mechanisms implemented in Sierra Leone are essential for fostering peace and reconciliation but require further support and integration into broader social programmes. Stakeholders should prioritise the development of sustainable funding models, strengthen collaboration with civil society organizations, and promote public awareness campaigns to ensure TJMs achieve their intended objectives.

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