



# Policy Dynamics in African Law Research: Insights from Nigeria's Context

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## Abstract

Law research in Africa often grapples with balancing traditional legal practices with contemporary policy needs. The study employs a qualitative approach, analysing recent case laws and government reports from Nigeria's judiciary system. Recent legal decisions have shown a significant increase in the application of restorative justice practices compared to punitive measures. While Nigerian law remains heavily influenced by statutory codes, there is growing recognition of alternative justice pathways that can enhance community reintegration efforts. Future policy reforms should prioritise harmonizing traditional healing methods with modern legal frameworks to improve social outcomes.

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