



Cyberlaw and Data Protection in Zambia: An Analytical Framework Study

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Abstract

Cyberlaw and data protection are critical areas in contemporary legal frameworks, especially for countries like Zambia that seek to integrate international standards into their national legislation. A qualitative research approach was employed through interviews with legal experts, policymakers, and civil society representatives. Data were analysed using thematic content analysis to identify common themes and areas of concern in the Zambian legal system regarding cyberlaw and data protection. Interviews revealed a significant gap between the theoretical framework of international cyberlaws and how they are implemented at national level, particularly in relation to enforcement mechanisms for data privacy regulations. The proportion of respondents who felt that current laws were insufficient was notably high (75%). The findings underscore the need for clearer legal guidelines and stronger regulatory oversight to align Zambian cyberlaw with international best practices. Implementing robust enforcement mechanisms, enhancing public awareness campaigns on data protection, and fostering collaboration between government agencies and private sector entities are recommended steps towards improving Zambia's cybersecurity posture.

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