



# Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa: A Theoretical Framework

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## Abstract

Religious pluralism in West Africa is a complex phenomenon characterized by diverse religious practices coexisting within socio-political contexts. A systematic review and analysis of existing literature from academic journals and reports on religious pluralism in West Africa. The theoretical framework underscores the importance of institutional support for inter-faith engagement to foster social cohesion and conflict resolution. Policy makers should prioritise funding and resource allocation towards inter-faith dialogue programmes that emphasise common ground over differences.

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