



Gender Imbalances in Power Dynamics During African Political Transitions: A Senegalese Perspective

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Abstract

Gender imbalances in power dynamics during African political transitions are significant issues that affect governance effectiveness and socio-economic development. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative data analysis to assess gender quotas implementation and their impact on women's political participation. Female candidates in Senegalese elections have shown a consistent increase of about 20% since the introduction of gender quotas, though leadership positions remain predominantly male-dominated. The current gender quota system has had some positive effects but faces challenges such as entrenched patriarchal norms and underrepresentation of women in decision-making roles. Integrate gender-sensitive training for political parties to promote female candidates and increase awareness campaigns about the benefits of gender diversity in leadership.

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