



# Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Psychometric Practice within Botswana's Context

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## Abstract

Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Botswana are deeply rooted in traditional beliefs and practices that have been passed down through generations. This study employs a qualitative approach involving in-depth interviews with cultural experts and scholars to explore existing practices and identify gaps where IKS can be incorporated. The theoretical framework proposes strategies for harmonizing IKS with contemporary psychological assessment methods, emphasising mutual respect and collaboration between indigenous and Western knowledge systems. Recommendations include policy support for research on integrating IKS into psychometric practices, training programmes for practitioners to incorporate cultural considerations in assessments, and community-based initiatives to foster dialogue between traditional healers and psychologists.

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