



# Pan-Africanism in Ethiopia: Challenges and Opportunities in the Contemporary African Context

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## Abstract

Pan-Africanism has been a significant force in African politics and society since the mid-20th century, with Ethiopia playing a pivotal role given its historical engagement and current strategic position. No empirical data or field research was conducted as part of this brief; instead, a review of secondary sources including academic articles, government reports, and international studies was employed to synthesize information relevant to the topic. Ethiopia's role in Pan-Africanism is characterized by both strong historical ties and emerging opportunities in regional integration and economic cooperation. However, there are significant challenges related to internal governance, resource distribution, and external dependency that need to be addressed for Ethiopia to fully leverage its potential within the African community. While Ethiopia has historically been a key player in Pan-Africanism, it faces substantial internal and external hurdles that require concerted policy efforts to capitalize on its strengths. The proposed recommendations aim to enhance Ethiopia's capacity to contribute positively to regional and continental development initiatives. The brief recommends the establishment of a Pan-African Studies Commission within Ethiopian governmental structures to facilitate dialogue and coordination between different stakeholders, including civil society organizations, academia, and international partners.

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