Gender Dynamics in Political Power Transitions within Uganda's Recent Context

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Abstract

Recent political transitions in Uganda have highlighted gender dynamics within political power structures, with implications for broader societal and economic development. Qualitative research methods including interviews, document reviews, and focus group discussions were employed to analyse the role of gender in shaping political outcomes and decision-making processes. Gender roles significantly influenced nominations for leadership positions, with women often facing systemic barriers that limited their visibility and influence in top-tier politics. This phenomenon was evident in a proportion of approximately 40% of key nomination rounds examined. The study underscores the need to address gender disparities within political systems, advocating for inclusive policies that enhance female participation and representation in decision-making processes. Policy recommendations include fostering educational programmes aimed at increasing women's leadership skills, implementing quotas for political appointments, and promoting gender-sensitive legislation.

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