



Pan-Africanism in Central Africa: Challenges and Opportunities in the Post-Cold War Era

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Abstract

Pan-Africanism is a concept that emphasizes unity among African nations and peoples. In the post-Cold War era, Central Africa faces unique challenges in implementing Pan-African policies due to historical colonial legacies and contemporary political instability. The analysis will be conducted through a qualitative examination of literature from academic journals, government documents, and international reports. A comparative case study approach will also be employed to assess the effectiveness of Pan-African initiatives in CAR and other Central African countries. Pan-Africanism has not been fully realised in CAR due to socio-political divisions exacerbated by historical conflicts and economic disparities among different ethnic groups. There is a significant need for regional dialogue forums that can address these issues effectively. The findings suggest that while there are challenges, the potential benefits of Pan-African integration remain substantial, particularly in areas such as security cooperation and resource sharing. These opportunities should be leveraged to foster greater unity within Central Africa. Policy recommendations include establishing a regional conflict resolution mechanism, promoting economic development initiatives tailored for underprivileged regions, and enhancing public education campaigns on the benefits of Pan-Africanism.

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