



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

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Abstract

Pan-Africanism has been a significant force in African politics since independence. In Nigeria, its influence is multifaceted and contested, with various stakeholders advocating for or against it. The analysis draws from existing literature, policy documents, and qualitative data collected through interviews with Nigerian policymakers and civil society representatives. Pan-Africanism in Nigeria faces significant opposition, particularly from conservative factions who view it as divisive. However, there is growing support among younger generations and some traditional leaders for its integration into national development strategies. While faced with substantial challenges, the potential benefits of Pan-Africanism in fostering unity and addressing regional disparities suggest opportunities for policy reform and dialogue. Nigerian policymakers should engage more closely with diverse stakeholders to build a consensus around Pan-Africanist principles. Additionally, initiatives aimed at youth engagement could enhance support for pan-Africanist policies.

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