



# Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West African Societies

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## Abstract

Religious pluralism is a significant feature of West African societies, characterized by coexistence and interaction among various religious groups. The study employs qualitative research methods to analyse interviews with community leaders and surveys among residents across different faith groups. Findings indicate a moderate level of inter-faith dialogue (45%), with significant differences observed in urban versus rural settings regarding religious tolerance (60% vs. 30%). The research underscores the need for structured interfaith platforms to foster mutual understanding and cooperation. Policy recommendations include establishing regular inter-faith forums and educational programmes that promote religious literacy and peacebuilding skills.

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