



# Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa: A Theoretical Framework

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## Abstract

Religious pluralism in West Africa is characterized by diverse religious practices coexisting alongside Islam and Christianity, with traditional beliefs also playing a significant role. Theoretical synthesis and qualitative analysis were employed to explore existing literature on religious pluralism and inter-faith relations in West Africa. The theoretical framework underscores the need for inclusive policies that respect and integrate diverse religious expressions to foster harmony and cohesion within communities. Policymakers should advocate for interfaith dialogue initiatives and educational programmes that promote understanding and mutual respect among different religious groups.

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