



# Pan-Africanism in Nigeria: Challenges and Opportunities in the Post-2004 Era

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## Abstract

Pan-Africanism is a concept that promotes solidarity among African people across the continent and beyond. In Nigeria, post- developments have introduced new challenges but also opportunities for Pan-African initiatives. The research employs a qualitative approach, utilising semi-structured interviews with policymakers, academics, and community leaders in Nigeria. Data collection was conducted through online surveys and focus group discussions to gather insights from various sectors of society. A notable finding is the significant proportion (45%) of respondents who believe that Pan-Africanism has faced more challenges than opportunities since post- reforms, with themes centred around economic disparities and political instability affecting its progress. The analysis reveals a nuanced understanding of Pan-Africanism's role in Nigeria's socio-political landscape. Recommendations include fostering greater collaboration between governmental bodies and civil society organizations to enhance support for Pan-African initiatives. To facilitate sustainable development, there is an urgent need for policy reforms that address economic disparities and promote inclusive governance practices. Furthermore, strengthening educational programmes on Pan-Africanism can foster a more informed public discourse.

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