



Pan-Africanism in São Tomé and Príncipe: Challenges and Opportunities in the Post-2004 Era

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Abstract

{ "background": "Pan-Africanism has been a significant force in African Studies for decades, advocating for unity and solidarity among African nations. São Tomé and Príncipe, with its unique history of Portuguese colonization and current status as an island nation, provides a unique lens through which to examine the impact of Pan-Africanist ideals.", "purposeandobjectives": "This study aims to explore how Pan-Africanism has influenced political, economic, and social development in São Tomé and Príncipe since its independence in . Specifically, it examines the challenges faced by the country as a result of its small size and limited resources, and evaluates opportunities for collaboration with other African nations.", "methodology": "The study employs a comparative research design, drawing on secondary data from academic journals, government reports, and international organizations. A thematic analysis was conducted to identify recurring themes related to Pan-Africanism in the context of São Tomé and Príncipe's development challenges and opportunities.", "findings": "A key finding is that while São Tomé and Príncipe has benefited from increased collaboration with larger African nations, it faces significant economic constraints due to its geographic isolation. The proportion of foreign aid received by the country has grown since , but this has not been sufficient to address structural issues.", "conclusion": "This study underscores the importance of regional and continental cooperation for smaller African states like São Tomé and Príncipe. However, it also highlights the need for sustainable economic strategies that can complement existing partnerships.", "recommendations": "The government should prioritise diversifying its economy to reduce dependency on foreign aid and investment. Additionally, strengthening educational systems is recommended as a means of fostering a skilled workforce capable of driving innovation and development.", "keywords": "Pan-Africanism, São Tomé and Príncipe, Economic Development, Regional Cooperation", "contributionstatement": "This study introduces an original comparative framework for analysing the impact of Pan-African

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