



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa: A Guinea-Bissau Perspective

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Abstract

Religious pluralism in Guinea-Bissau reflects a complex interplay of various religious traditions, including Islam, Christianity, and indigenous beliefs. The research employs both qualitative interviews with community leaders and quantitative surveys among religious practitioners to analyse perceptions and practices related to religious diversity. A notable theme emerged regarding the coexistence of Islamic and Christian communities, characterized by interfaith dialogue groups that meet regularly for mutual understanding and cooperation. The findings suggest that inter-faith initiatives play a crucial role in fostering harmony among diverse religious populations in Guinea-Bissau. Policy makers should encourage more inter-faith collaboration and provide platforms for dialogue to promote peaceful coexistence of different faiths.

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