



# Constitutional Review Processes and Democratic Consolidation in Djibouti: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry

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## Abstract

Djibouti's constitutional review processes have been a subject of interest for scholars examining democratic consolidation in Africa. The research employs a combination of qualitative interviews ( $n=20$ )  $\wedge$  quantitative survey data ( $N=300$ ), supplemented by archival material  $\wedge$  governmental sources  $\wedge$  legal documents. Data analysis includes thematic coding for qualitative components and statistical testing for quantitative findings. Analysis reveals that while there is significant public engagement in the constitutional review process, institutional actors often fail to adequately address community concerns, leading to low levels of citizen satisfaction (32% dissatisfied). Despite efforts towards democratic consolidation, Djibouti faces challenges related to inclusivity and responsiveness within its constitutional review framework. Enhanced transparency in the review process combined with more targeted consultation strategies could improve public participation and institutional accountability.

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