

Interfaith Dialogue, AI, and Conflict Resolution in Africa: Exploring the Potential of Religious Leadership with Reference to Selected African Countries

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Abstract

This study explores the intersection of interfaith dialogue, artificial intelligence (AI), and conflict resolution in Africa. Despite the persistent interfaith tensions that undermine social cohesion and stability across the continent, there is a growing recognition of AI's potential to enhance dialogue and foster peaceful resolutions. The study adopted a qualitative approach, with a case study being utilised as a research design. The case study allowed for a deep appreciation of context-specific realities based on unique experiences from Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa regarding Interfaith Dialogue, AI, and Conflict Resolution in Africa. Hence, the researchers undertake a comparative analysis of the subject under study. The findings reveal that AI can significantly improve the efficacy of interfaith dialogue and conflict resolution efforts, with religious leaders being pivotal in facilitating the adoption of these technologies. However, several challenges remain, including data quality, algorithmic bias, cybersecurity risks, and lack of capacity building within communities. Therefore, the study recommends the imperative to address the above challenges and integrate AI into interfaith dialogue to provide promising opportunities for fostering peace in Africa.

Keywords

Interfaith Dialogue, Artificial Intelligence, Conflict Resolution, Africa, Religious Leadership, Peacebuilding