

Community empowerment and progress in Africa - notes from the field

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Abstract

This paper presents information on how progress and development in Africa have been discussed at the national, regional and international levels in recent years.

It aims as well at presenting examples of good practices in terms of localized community experiences. The cases chosen highlight the importance of cultural and political heritage, transmission of knowledge, and generational interactions.

We focus on the case of Guiné-Bissau, and on the role of culture and community building as means to encourage the discussion and implementation of new solutions for old and recent problems.

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