

## **Africa and the Challenges of Globalization: A Critical Appraisal of the Relevance of Pan-Africanism**

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The globalization realities are no more in contestation. What has remained at the center of the discourse, both among scholars and world statesmen is the exact impact of the phenomenon especially in the various regions of the world. In the African region, the globalization scare is at its peak chiefly because of the poor economic base of the continent when compared to the other continents. This is coupled with the fact that, unlike Africa, most other regions of the world have been able to achieve high level of regional integration, which no doubt disposes them to be more adaptable in warding off the emerging negative impact of globalization. Hence, there is palpable fear in Africa of what globalization portends for the national development of these African countries.

Therefore, this paper examines the emerging tendencies in globalization especially as they concern the African continent. Attention is focused on the centrality of pan-Africanism as a unifying ideology or a panacea for the potential negative consequences of globalization in Africa. The paper argues that individual African States cannot effectively cope with globalization except through a coherent and unifying force epitomized in pan-Africanism.