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Africa: Cultural Dimensions of Corruption and Possibilities for Change

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ABSTRACT Corruption has seriously impeded the growth and effective utilization of Africa's vast economic potentials. This paper traces from a macro-sociological perspective, the roots of public service corruption in the socio-economic and political fabric of African countries as evidenced in traditional and modernistic conceptualizations of societal development. The relationship between this background and current trends in probity, accountability and efficiency in the African context is also examined. This paper partly employs a comparative strategy and relates the African picture of corrupt practices to an analysis of Nigeria's situation. In conclusion, it posits prescriptions for social change