

Diversity in Africa: A Cause for Disunity?

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ABSTRACT Forefathers of the African continent preached for unity in Africa for years before 19th century. In the 21st century, some African leaders still preach the unity of Africa. It is the wish of Africans to become one nation, but there are many obstacles to deal with along the way in order to become and realize that one nation, a United States of Africa. Obstacles which cause disunity need Africans themselves to remove them along the way to unity. Currently, Africa has 54 sovereign states with diversity amongst them and their people or citizenry. The identified diversities are ethnicity, culture, race, ethnicity, language, socio-economic or class and religion. This conceptual paper investigates areas of diversity among Africans, and how can Africans minimize diversity in order to forge unity.