**Aspect of African Culture**

**Traditional African Storytelling**

**English Abstract**: Traditional African storytelling has been a vital tool in promoting social awareness and cultural values for centuries. Through oral narratives, communities have passed down lessons on morality, history, and social norms. These stories play a significant role in addressing gender roles and challenging stereotypes, as well as promoting gender equality. Female storytellers have historically used their platforms to advocate for women's rights and empowerment. Today, modern media allows for the reinterpretation and preservation of these stories, ensuring they remain relevant in addressing gender equality and social issues for future generations.

**Kiswahili Abstract**: Hadithi za kitamaduni za Kiafrika zimekuwa chombo muhimu katika kukuza uelewa wa kijamii na maadili ya kitamaduni kwa karne nyingi. Kupitia hadithi za mdomo, jamii zimepitisha masomo kuhusu maadili, historia, na kanuni za kijamii. Hadithi hizi zina jukumu kubwa katika kushughulikia majukumu ya kijinsia na kupinga dhana potofu, pamoja na kukuza usawa wa kijinsia. Wahadithi wa kike kihistoria wamekuwa wakitumia majukwaa yao kutetea haki za wanawake na uwezeshaji wao. Leo, vyombo vya habari vya kisasa vinatoa fursa ya kutafsiri upya na kuhifadhi hadithi hizi, kuhakikisha kuwa zinabaki kuwa na umuhimu katika kushughulikia usawa wa kijinsia na masuala ya kijamii kwa vizazi vijavyo.

**Kikuyu Abstract**: Kwa ihinda rĩa mĩaka mĩingĩ, ng'ano cia ũndũire wa Abirika ikoretwo irĩ cia bata mũno harĩ kũhe andũ ũmenyo na mĩtugo mĩega. Kũgerera ng'ano, andũ nĩ makoretwo makĩruta andũ maũndũ megiĩ mĩtugo, historĩ, na mĩtugo ya andũ. Ng'ano icio nĩ ikoragwo na itemi inene harĩ kũrũnga mĩtugo ya arũme na atumia na kũrũnga mĩtugo mĩũru, na gũtwarithia na mbere ũiguano wa arũme na atumia. Atumia arĩa mahunjagia ng'ano kaingĩ nĩ mahũthagĩra njĩra icio kũrũĩrĩra ihooto cia atumia na kũmahotithia. Ũmũthĩ, indo cia mohoro nĩ itũhotithagia gũtaũra na kũiga ng'ano icio, na gũtigĩrĩra atĩ nĩ igũtũũra irĩ cia bata harĩ kũhiũrania na ngucanio cia arũme na atumia o hamwe na maũndũ megiĩ mĩikarĩre ya andũ njiarũa iria iroka.