**ONE ASPECT OF AFRICAN CULTURE**

**RIGHT OF PASSAGE**

### ****Abstracts in English, Kiswahili, and Kikuyu****

#### **English Abstract**

Rites of passage are ceremonial rituals in African cultures that mark significant transitions in an individual's life, such as birth, puberty, marriage, and death. These rituals are deeply rooted in tradition and vary across regions, reflecting the cultural diversity of the continent. They serve to integrate individuals into their community, transmit cultural values, and ensure social cohesion. The study explores how these rites reinforce social bonds, transmit cultural knowledge, and affirm identity within African societies. Additionally, it discusses the importance of these rites in maintaining social order and continuity within communities.

#### **Kiswahili Abstract**

Haki za mpito ni taratibu za sherehe katika tamaduni za Kiafrika zinazoadhimisha mabadiliko muhimu katika maisha ya mtu, kama vile kuzaliwa, kuvunja ungo, ndoa, na kifo. Taratibu hizi zimekita mizizi katika mila na zinatofautiana katika kanda mbalimbali, zikionyesha utofauti wa kitamaduni wa bara la Afrika. Zinahudumia kuunganisha watu na jamii yao, kusambaza maadili ya kitamaduni, na kuhakikisha mshikamano wa kijamii. Utafiti huu unachunguza jinsi haki hizi zinavyoimarisha mahusiano ya kijamii, kusambaza maarifa ya kitamaduni, na kuthibitisha utambulisho ndani ya jamii za Kiafrika. Pia, inajadili umuhimu wa haki hizi katika kudumisha utaratibu wa kijamii na mwendelezo ndani ya jamii.

#### **Kikuyu Abstract**

Magĩciano ma kũrũka mũndũ watho ũngĩ mũnene, nĩ ta gũthiĩ, gwathwo, kwĩrana na gũikũ, nĩ mĩhĩrĩga ya ũmũthĩrĩ wa a Afrika ĩrĩa ĩkũrũka ũũrĩ wa gĩthomo wa mũndũ. Mĩhĩrĩga ĩyo ĩkĩyũraga kwa mwĩgĩrĩrĩ wa ũmũthĩrĩ na ĩkĩthirĩka gĩkĩrĩrĩrĩ mwena wa kĩrĩma. Itherũ rĩa mwĩhĩrĩga ĩrĩa rĩagĩrĩka, mĩhĩrĩga ĩyo nĩ ĩkũrũraga wa kũrũrũkĩra ũrĩa ũmũthĩrĩ, kwĩgĩa ngatho cia wĩra-inĩ na ũũrĩ wa gwathwo. Thuto ĩno ĩrathimĩrĩra gweterera kwa wa kũrũrũkĩra ũũrĩ wa gwathwo, kwĩgĩa mĩhĩrĩga ĩyo ĩĩtĩkĩtie na ũmũthĩrĩ wa kũrũrũkĩra mwena wa kĩrĩma na ĩgũkorwo mwena wa ũũrĩ wa gĩthomo.