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SOCIO-CULTURAL CHALLENGES AFFECTING THE DEVELOPMENT SPACE SCIENCES IN  
AFRICAN SCHOOLS

**Abstract**

Abstract Despite the accelerating level of human development and achievements in the field of Space science and technology in this modern time, which keeps making human lives much better and easier while transforming the entire globe as a whole becoming a global village and yet making distance impossibilities becoming visual realities just like translating fictional stories into real realities through space data applications , unfortunately the African cultures, traditions and religious beliefs are having extraordinary influences in determining successes in Space science development .

Introduction: The Moon, the Stars, the Sun and other celestial bodies including the Clouds and even Lightning in the Sky are regarded as sacred objects or things or even gods by some African traditional religions which are at present in control of approximately 25