



## HARNESSING CONFLICT: STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT IN BUSINESS AND INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

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### **Abstract:**

*This study investigates strategies for effective conflict management in business and interpersonal relationships, with a particular focus on the role of communication, emotional intelligence, power dynamics, and cultural sensitivity. The research aims to explore how these factors influence conflict resolution outcomes and enhance interpersonal and organisational relationships. A survey research design was adopted, with data collected from 383 employees of Presco Plc in Edo State, Nigeria, using a structured questionnaire. The study's findings reveal significant relationships between communication approaches, emotional intelligence, and power dynamics, highlighting their role in facilitating effective conflict resolution. Cultural sensitivity, particularly the application of indigenous philosophies, was found to significantly influence the success of conflict management strategies. The study concludes that integrating emotional intelligence, effective communication, and a deep understanding of cultural contexts are crucial for improving conflict resolution outcomes. Based on these findings, the study recommends that organisations invest in emotional intelligence training, adopt inclusive communication strategies, and integrate cultural sensitivity into conflict management frameworks. These approaches are essential for fostering positive business and interpersonal relationships and improving overall organisational performance.*

**Keywords:** Conflict management, emotional intelligence, relationships, communication, cultural sensitivity.

### **Introduction**

Conflict is an inevitable aspect of human interaction, often arising from differences in values, goals, and perspectives. Within the realms of business and interpersonal relationships, conflict can emerge from communication breakdowns, power dynamics, cultural disparities, or emotional misunderstandings. While conflicts are commonly perceived as negative, they can, if well-managed, serve as opportunities for growth, innovation, and stronger relationships (Rahim, 2023). Thus, harnessing conflict and leveraging it as a tool for positive outcomes has become a central concern in modern organisational and interpersonal dynamics.

Scholars and practitioners have extensively explored conflict management strategies. The Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument (TKI) identifies five approaches to managing conflict: competing,



accommodating, avoiding, collaborating, and compromising. These modes illustrate how individuals navigate conflicts based on their levels of assertiveness and cooperativeness (Thomas & Kilmann, 2020). Emotional Intelligence (EI) theory also highlights the importance of self-awareness, empathy, and emotional regulation in resolving conflicts constructively. Research suggests that individuals with high emotional intelligence are better equipped to manage tensions and maintain productive interactions (Goleman, 2021).

Despite the availability of conflict management frameworks, many organisations and individuals struggle to apply these strategies effectively, often leading to unresolved disputes, reduced productivity, and strained relationships. For example, communication breakdowns due to cultural insensitivity or misinterpretation of power dynamics can exacerbate conflicts, particularly in diverse and hierarchical settings (Rahim, 2023). Addressing these challenges requires a comprehensive approach that integrates communication techniques, emotional intelligence, and an understanding of contextual factors such as cultural and organisational norms.

This study proposes a multifaceted strategy for conflict management that leverages emotional intelligence, effective communication, and cultural sensitivity while addressing power dynamics. By aligning these strategies with established theoretical frameworks, such as the TKI and EI theory, the research seeks to provide actionable insights for enhancing conflict resolution in business and interpersonal relationships.

The justification for this study lies in the growing need for organisations and individuals to navigate conflicts constructively. In an increasingly globalised and interconnected world, conflicts are becoming more complex, necessitating advanced tools and strategies for resolution. This research not only contributes to the academic discourse on conflict management but also provides practical solutions that can improve organisational harmony and interpersonal collaboration.

By examining the interplay between communication, emotional intelligence, power dynamics, and cultural sensitivity, this study aims to bridge the gap between theoretical constructs and real-world applications, offering a comprehensive framework for harnessing conflict as a catalyst for positive outcomes.

## Statement of the Problem

Conflict is a natural aspect of business and interpersonal relationships, stemming from differing perspectives, goals, and values. While poorly managed conflict leads to dysfunction, effectively addressed conflict fosters growth, innovation, and stronger relationships. Despite advances in conflict resolution strategies, understanding how to leverage conflict as a positive force remains limited. Emotional intelligence (EI) plays a crucial role in managing workplace conflicts. For example, Sharma et al. (2024) noted that EI enhances conflict management, while Vapiwala and Pandita (2024) linked it to improved knowledge integration in disputes. Furthermore, Faugoo and Khoosye (2024) associate EI with transformational leadership, emphasising trust-building. Communication frameworks, such as those highlighted by Nwagbara and Brown (2014), and cultural concepts like Ubuntu (Akinola & Uzodike, 2018), offer insights but lack systematic integration. This study explores how EI, communication, power



dynamics, and cultural sensitivity can be strategically combined into a multidimensional conflict management framework.

## Research Objectives

This study aims to explore conflict management strategies at Presco Plc, focusing on communication, emotional intelligence, power dynamics, and cultural sensitivity. Specific objectives include:

1. analysing communication's impact on conflict resolution at Presco Plc.
2. evaluating emotional intelligence's role in managing employee and management conflicts at Presco Plc.
3. examining power dynamics' influence on operational and managerial conflict outcomes at Presco Plc.
4. assessing cultural sensitivity's contribution to effective conflict resolution at Presco Plc.

## Research Questions

The following research questions have been developed from the research objectives:

1. To what extent do communication approaches impact conflict resolution outcomes within Presco Plc?
2. To what extent does emotional intelligence enhance the constructive management of conflicts among employees and management at Presco Plc?
3. To what extent do power dynamics influence conflict outcomes in the operational and managerial structures of Presco Plc?
4. To what extent does cultural sensitivity contribute to successful conflict resolution practices at Presco Plc?

## Research Hypotheses

H<sub>01</sub>: Communication does not significantly impact conflict resolution at Presco Plc.

H<sub>02</sub>: Emotional intelligence does not enhance conflict management at Presco Plc.

H<sub>03</sub>: Power dynamics do not influence conflict outcomes at Presco Plc.

H<sub>04</sub>: Cultural sensitivity does not improve conflict resolution practices at Presco Plc.

## Conceptual Clarification

### Conflict

Conflict arises from perceived or actual incompatibilities in goals, values, or perspectives. It manifests as interpersonal disputes, organisational struggles, or cultural misunderstandings. Though often seen as negative, well-managed conflict fosters innovation and understanding (Rahim, 2011; Thomas, 2020).



## Types of Conflict

**Intrapersonal Conflict:** Inner turmoil from conflicting desires or values, such as balancing career and personal life (Vaidis et al., 2024).

**Interpersonal Conflict:** Disagreements between individuals, requiring empathy and negotiation (Thomas, 2020).

**Intragroup Conflict:** Team disputes over roles or processes, impact cohesion and productivity (Rahim, 2011).

**Intergroup Conflict:** Conflicts between departments or organisations, often needing collaboration and clear communication (Robbins & Judge, 2022).

**Organisational Conflict:** Broad disputes involving leadership or policies, influenced by structural and cultural factors (Rahim, 2011).

**Cultural Conflict:** Tensions from differing cultural values, resolvable through inclusivity and sensitivity (Akinola & Uzodike, 2018).

## Conflict Management

Effective conflict management uses strategies like negotiation and communication enhancement to balance parties' needs, fostering harmony and productivity (Rahim, 2011; Thomas, 2020).

## Literature Review

### Communication and Emotional Intelligence in Conflict Resolution

Effective conflict resolution relies on quality communication and emotional intelligence (EI), which together enable constructive dialogue and relational harmony.

#### *Communication in Conflict Resolution*

Communication is crucial for identifying and resolving conflicts, serving as the medium for expressing concerns, clarifying misunderstandings, and negotiating solutions. Effective communication involves active listening, assertive expression, and de-escalation techniques. Poor communication exacerbates conflicts, fostering misunderstandings and hostility (Heathfield, 2023).

Research indicates that tailored communication strategies, such as paraphrasing, asking clarifying questions, and maintaining neutrality, significantly improve conflict outcomes by fostering trust and reducing hostility (Goman, 2023). Organisational frameworks like mediation and collaborative problem-solving depend on transparent communication for equitable outcomes (Thomas & Kilmann, 2020).

#### *Emotional Intelligence in Conflict Resolution*

EI involves recognising, understanding, and regulating one's emotions while empathising with others. It is essential for navigating conflicts by managing emotional triggers, maintaining composure, and adopting a problem-solving mindset (Goleman, 2021). Leaders with strong EI address emotional



concerns during workplace disputes, ensuring more constructive resolutions (Caruso et al., 2023).

### ***Integration of Communication and EI***

The synergy between EI and effective communication underpins successful conflict resolution. EI fosters empathy, while strong communication skills help articulate emotions constructively, facilitating meaningful dialogue (Sharma et al., 2023). In culturally diverse settings, emotionally intelligent communication bridges cultural differences, fostering inclusivity and reducing misunderstandings (Cheng et al., 2022).

### **Power Dynamics and Their Influence on Conflict Outcomes**

Power dynamics significantly influence conflict outcomes by shaping individuals' ability to assert their interests and strategies. Understanding power dynamics is vital for equitable conflict resolution.

#### ***Understanding Power Dynamics***

Power refers to the capacity to influence others' decisions or behaviours. French and Raven's framework categorises power into coercive, reward, legitimate, expert, and referent types (French & Raven, 1959). Contemporary research highlights power's fluidity and relational nature (Anderson & Brion, 2014). Addressing power disparities in multicultural settings requires sensitivity and adaptability to prevent escalation (Cheng et al., 2022).

#### ***Impacts of Power on Conflict Resolution***

Positive impacts include facilitating decision-making and promoting fairness when power is wielded ethically (Van Kleef et al., 2020; Mayer et al., 2021). However, excessive coercive power and significant imbalances inhibit open communication, leading to unresolved tensions (Gelfand et al., 2022; Morrill, 2021).

#### ***Strategies for Managing Power Dynamics in Conflicts***

Strategies include empowering marginalised parties, fostering cultural sensitivity, and using neutral mediators to balance power and ensure fair conflict resolution (Thomas & Kilmann, 2020; Akinola & Uzodike, 2018).

### **Cultural Sensitivity and Indigenous Philosophies in Conflict Management**

Cultural sensitivity and indigenous philosophies enhance conflict resolution by respecting cultural norms and integrating restorative practices.





### ***Cultural Sensitivity in Conflict Management***

Cultural sensitivity acknowledges differing conflict styles across cultures. For example, Western cultures often use direct communication, while African and Asian cultures favour indirect approaches (Cheng et al., 2022). Leaders with high cultural intelligence navigate cultural nuances effectively, improving outcomes (Nguyen & Van Gorp, 2023).

### ***Indigenous Philosophies in Conflict Management***

Philosophies like Ubuntu emphasise collective well-being and reconciliation. Ubuntu-based conflict resolution prioritises dialogue and mutual respect over punitive measures, aligning traditional values with global frameworks (Akinola & Uzodike, 2018; Chilisa et al., 2023). Adopting hybrid models that integrate cultural philosophies and evidence-based practices offers opportunities to harness indigenous wisdom in modern contexts (Tshoaedi & Tenza, 2024).

### **Empirical Review**

Sharma et al. (2024) conducted a systematic literature review on emotional intelligence (EI) and conflict resolution (CR) in workplaces, highlighting that EI significantly enhances constructive conflict management. By promoting emotional awareness, organisations can foster harmonious and productive interactions, with EI training recommended for sustained CR. Similarly, Vapiwala and Pandita (2024) linked EI to organisational learning, suggesting that emotionally intelligent employees are better equipped to manage tasks, processes, or relationship conflicts by integrating knowledge into processes. They advocated tailored EI and learning programmes.

Faugoo and Khoosye (2024) explored EI's role in transformational leadership (TL), emphasising that emotionally intelligent leaders build trust, manage conflicts, and inspire innovation. They recommended embedding EI and TL principles in leadership training. In Nigeria's hospitality industry, Ojedokun (2023) used a quasi-experimental design to evaluate Conflict Resolution Therapy (CRT). CRT significantly improved trade union leaders' conflict management skills, particularly among those with higher education, and was recommended for broader adoption.

Nwagbara and Brown (2014) focused on Nigeria's oil sector, proposing participatory communication to mitigate corporate-community tensions. Akinola and Uzodike (2018) explored Ubuntu, an African philosophy advocating communal harmony, as a conflict resolution framework. While effective in some contexts, institutional adoption remains challenging. Collectively, these studies underscore the importance of integrating EI, communication, leadership, and cultural philosophies into conflict management strategies.

### **Theoretical Framework**

This study on "Harnessing Conflict: Strategies for Effective Management in Business and Interpersonal



Relationships" is grounded in two key theories:

***Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument (TKI)***

Developed by Thomas and Kilmann, TKI categorises conflict management behaviours into five styles: competing, collaborating, compromising, avoiding, and accommodating. These styles are based on assertiveness (pursuing one’s interests) and cooperativeness (considering others’ concerns). The "collaborating" style is ideal for long-term resolutions, while "compromising" works for short-term solutions (Thomas & Kilmann, 2020). This framework aids in selecting strategies suited to varying situations, power dynamics, and relationships.

***Emotional Intelligence (EI) Theory***

Daniel Goleman’s EI Theory highlights managing emotions as essential for conflict resolution. Its components—self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy, and social skills—enhance stress management and communication during conflicts (Goleman, 2021; Mayer et al., 2023). Empathy, for example, helps address emotional needs, de-escalating tensions and fostering collaboration. Together, these theories provide a comprehensive framework for effective conflict management strategies that balance theoretical and practical insights.

**Methodology**

This study employed a survey research design using structured questionnaires to examine conflict management strategies at Presco Plc, Edo State, Nigeria. Key variables included communication, emotional intelligence, power dynamics, and cultural sensitivity. Presco Plc employs 9,078 staff, comprising 1,054 permanent and 8,024 contract workers (Presco Plc, 2024).

A stratified random sample of 383 employees was determined using the Taro Yamane formula, ensuring proportional representation. Questionnaires, administered physically and online, captured demographic data and variables related to conflict resolution. Expert validation and test-retest reliability (Cronbach’s alpha > 0.7) ensured consistency.

<b>Table 1: Reliability Test Results</b>			
<b>S/N</b>	<b>Variables</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>	<b>Cronbach’s Alpha Value</b>
1	Communication	5	0.713
2	Emotional Intelligence	5	0.734
3	Power Dynamics	5	0.756



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4	Cultural Sensitivity	5	0.745
5	Conflict Management Outcomes	5	0.768

**Source: Researcher’s fieldwork, 2024**

Data analysis, using SPSS version 26, employed descriptive and inferential statistics, including regression analysis at a 5% significance level.

**Data Presentation/Analysis**

This section presents survey data and analyses relationships between communication, emotional intelligence, power dynamics, and cultural sensitivity in conflict management at Presco Plc.

**Table 3: Respondents’ Responses to Research Variables**

S/N	Research Variables	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean	Standard Deviation
1	Communication	20	35	40	150	138	3.71	0.78
2	Emotional Intelligence	15	30	35	145	158	3.77	0.76
3	Power Dynamics	25	40	45	135	138	3.66	0.82
4	Cultural Sensitivity	10	20	50	160	143	3.83	0.74
<b>Average</b>		16.4	28.6	41.6	150	146.4	3.77	0.76

**Source: Researchers’ fieldwork, 2024.**

Table 3 highlights generally positive perceptions across research variables, with high mean scores above 3.6. Cultural Sensitivity recorded the highest mean (3.83), emphasising its importance in conflict resolution. Minimal standard deviations (below 1) indicate consistent responses among the 383 participants, supporting reliable findings.

**Table 4: Regression Analysis Using Ordinary Least Square (OLS) Estimation Technique**

Model	Unstandardised Coefficients	t-Statistics	Probability Value	Hypotheses
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(Constant)	2.501	6.222	0	Significant
Communication	0.812	4.229	0	Significant
Emotional Intelligence	0.674	3.209	0.003	Significant
Power Dynamics	0.895	4.366	0	Significant
Cultural Sensitivity	0.756	3.469	0.001	Significant
R = 0.685	R Square = 0.469	Adjusted R Square = 0.460	Standard Error of the Estimate = 2.33421	F-stat = 149.310
Durbin-Watson = 1.992				

**Source:** Researchers' computation based on the field survey 2024 using SPSS version 24.

Table 4 summarises the OLS regression outcomes, examining how communication, emotional intelligence, power dynamics, and cultural sensitivity impact conflict resolution at Presco Plc. With an R-value of 0.685, the model indicates a strong positive correlation, explaining 46.9% of the variance in conflict resolution (R Square = 0.469). The F-statistic (149.310,  $p < 0.0001$ ) confirms the model's overall significance. Communication ( $\beta = 0.812$ ,  $p = 0.000$ ), emotional intelligence ( $\beta = 0.674$ ,  $p = 0.003$ ), power dynamics ( $\beta = 0.895$ ,  $p = 0.000$ ), and cultural sensitivity ( $\beta = 0.756$ ,  $p = 0.001$ ) significantly influence conflict resolution. A Durbin-Watson statistic of 1.992 validates residual independence, confirming the model's reliability.

## Discussion of Findings

This study examined the relationship between conflict management strategies and conflict resolution within Presco Plc, Edo State, with a focus on communication, emotional intelligence, power dynamics, and cultural sensitivity. The findings reveal that these strategies significantly influence conflict resolution and promote workplace harmony, aligning with the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument (TKI) and Emotional Intelligence (EI) Theory.

The results showed a positive correlation between communication and conflict resolution, highlighting its critical role in managing conflicts. Effective communication facilitates mutual understanding and collaborative problem-solving, aligning with TKI's emphasis on collaboration and compromise as essential conflict-handling modes (Thomas & Kilmann, 2021). Emotional intelligence also emerged as a significant factor, enabling individuals to regulate emotions, empathise, and adopt collaborative approaches. This finding supports Goleman's (2020) EI Theory, which emphasises emotional awareness and regulation in resolving interpersonal conflicts.

Additionally, power dynamics influenced conflict outcomes, with imbalances often limiting



collaborative solutions. Addressing these disparities can enhance conflict resolution. Cultural sensitivity was also significant, fostering understanding and reducing misunderstandings in diverse workplaces.

The findings of this study align with both theoretical perspectives and practical implications for conflict management in business and interpersonal relationships. The positive relationships between communication, emotional intelligence, power dynamics, cultural sensitivity, and conflict resolution underscore the importance of a comprehensive strategy for managing conflicts effectively. Organisations, especially Presco Plc, can benefit from implementing these strategies to foster a more collaborative and harmonious work environment. This study contributes to the growing body of literature on conflict management by highlighting the significance of these variables and their role in enhancing conflict resolution outcomes.

## **Conclusion**

This study investigated the relationship between conflict management strategies and conflict resolution within Presco Plc, Edo State, focusing on the roles of communication, emotional intelligence, power dynamics, and cultural sensitivity. The findings indicate that effective communication and emotional intelligence are pivotal to achieving successful conflict resolution, fostering collaboration, and maintaining a cohesive work environment.

The results further revealed that addressing power dynamics and promoting cultural sensitivity are essential for enhancing conflict management efforts. Employees with higher emotional intelligence exhibited greater proficiency in managing interpersonal disputes, while clear and open communication significantly reduced misunderstandings and encouraged mutual understanding. These findings highlight the importance of integrative approaches to conflict management that prioritise collaboration, empathy, and respect for diversity.

In summary, the study concludes that adopting effective conflict management strategies not only resolves disputes but also strengthens workplace relationships, enhances team cohesion, and improves overall organisational performance. For Presco Plc, implementing targeted training programmes in communication and emotional intelligence, while fostering an inclusive and supportive organisational culture, will optimise conflict resolution processes and contribute to sustainable success.

## **Recommendations**

To enhance conflict management strategies at Presco Plc and similar organisations, the following are recommended:

1. **Emotional Intelligence Training:** Regular programmes should focus on self-awareness, empathy, and emotional regulation to help employees manage conflicts effectively and strengthen workplace relationships.



2. Strengthen Communication: Establish transparent and inclusive channels, encourage active listening, and implement regular feedback sessions to minimise misunderstandings and foster collaboration.
3. Address Power Dynamics: Train managers to identify and mitigate power imbalances, promote participatory decision-making, and cultivate mutual respect within teams.
4. Cultural Sensitivity: Introduce diversity training and cultural competence programmes to reduce biases and manage conflicts in a multicultural setting.
5. Conflict Management Policies: Develop structured policies, accessible reporting systems, and dedicated resolution teams for efficient dispute resolution. These measures will improve workplace harmony and productivity.

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