

The Significance of the Traditional Ceremony *Ummemo*, among Swazi

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ABSTRACTS The objective of this paper was to define and outline the traditional ceremony called, *Ummemo* which is practised by most Swazi chieftaincies in South Africa. It is an annual ceremony where each chief calls for the preservation of cultures, traditions and customs, which are vital for unity and development within the communities. This is a ceremony that is backed up by the monarch of the nation. The relationship between the chief and his subjects is evident. The roles of warriors, regiments, headmen and senior officials are noted during this ceremony. The qualitative research method was used in this paper by systematically collecting evidence, defining concepts, procedurally answering the research questions and producing findings on cultural values and traditional practices.