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In the early 1990s, a wave of democratisation swept the African continents, resulting in a flurry of constitution-making and constitutional revision. Two decades later, leading experts in the fields of public law, political science and democratisation studies assess to what extent accountable governance has taken root in Africa. This book represents new knowledge about legal and political developments in a number of African countries - Ghana, Malawi, Mali, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, with further references to Mozambique, Kenya and Swaziland - bringing the policy goal of developing and deepening democratic governance and accountable government on the continent up to date.
