



# Afro-Linguistics in Ghana: Shaping Policy on African Language Structures

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## Abstract

Afro-Linguistics is a branch of linguistics that focuses on languages spoken in Africa and their structural characteristics. The study employs a combination of qualitative interviews with language experts and quantitative analysis of linguistic databases to assess the diversity and complexity of Ghanaian languages. A notable finding is that over 40% of Ghana's indigenous languages exhibit complex grammatical structures, indicating the need for comprehensive policy frameworks to support their continued use and study. The research underscores the importance of integrating Afro-Linguistic insights into language preservation policies in Ghana, particularly focusing on enhancing educational resources and community engagement initiatives. Recommendations include the development of a national register of endangered languages, allocation of funds for linguistic research centers, and the integration of Afro-Linguistics principles into primary school curricula.

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