



# Pan-Africanism in Central Africa: A Theoretical Framework for the 21st Century

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## Abstract

Pan-Africanism has been a significant force in African politics since the mid-20th century. Central Africa, including the Central African Republic (CAR), is an area where Pan-Africanist ideals have intersected with local realities and challenges. Theoretical synthesis will be employed, drawing on existing literature from African Studies, including scholarly articles, policy documents, and historical analyses of Pan-Africanism in CAR. The theoretical framework will be constructed through a systematic review of these sources. A theoretical framework for understanding contemporary Pan-Africanism in CAR has been developed, highlighting both the unifying and divisive elements of these movements. This framework can serve as a foundation for further empirical research and policy development. Policy makers should consider promoting inclusive economic growth strategies that respect traditional values while also aligning with modern governance principles, potentially integrating Pan-Africanist ideals into national policies to foster unity and stability.

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