



# Comparative Creation Myths in African Cultures: A Policy Analysis from Cameroon's Perspective

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## Abstract

Creation myths play a significant role in African cultures, particularly within Cameroon's diverse ethnic groups. These myths often narrate how the world and its inhabitants were created, reflecting deep-seated beliefs about origins, nature, and destiny. The analysis will draw from existing literature, oral traditions, and anthropological studies of Cameroon's major ethnic groups. Comparative methods will be used to highlight similarities and differences among the creation stories. A notable finding is the prevalence of water as a central element in many Cameroonian creation myths, indicating its importance in shaping cultural narratives and influencing agricultural practices. Creation myths in Cameroon offer valuable insights into cultural identity, environmental stewardship, and community values. They have significant implications for modern policy-making regarding land use, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable development strategies. Policy makers should consider incorporating elements from these myths to promote more culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible policies, particularly in agriculture and natural resource management.

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