



# **Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in Equatorial Guinea: An Ethnographic Exploration**

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## **Abstract**

Religious diversity in Equatorial Guinea is characterized by a complex interplay of indigenous beliefs, Catholicism, Protestantism, and traditional African religions, reflecting its location at the crossroads of several cultural and religious influences. The research employs participant observation, semi-structured interviews, and artifact analysis among various communities across the country to gather qualitative data that reflects the lived experiences of religious practitioners and their interfaith engagements. Notably, Catholicism is the dominant religion in urban areas, while traditional African religions are more prevalent in rural settings. Inter-faith dialogues often revolve around issues such as land rights and cultural preservation, highlighting shared concerns among different faith groups. The findings underscore the significance of interfaith dialogue for fostering social harmony and mutual respect within Equatorial Guinea's religiously diverse society. Promoting inclusive educational programmes that highlight the contributions of traditional African religions to national heritage could enhance understanding and appreciation across religious boundaries.

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