



# Cross-Cultural Dynamics in Pan-African Companies of Central African Republic

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## Abstract

This study examines cross-cultural dynamics within Pan-African companies operating in the Central African Republic (CAR). The CAR is a landlocked country with rich natural resources but faces significant socio-economic challenges, making it an ideal setting for studying intercultural management. A qualitative research approach was employed through semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders including managers from African-owned firms operating in CAR, supplemented with secondary data from industry reports and academic literature. Interviews revealed a notable challenge related to language barriers, with approximately 60% of managers reporting difficulties understanding local languages, which hindered effective communication and decision-making processes. Leadership styles also varied significantly across companies, with some adopting more traditional hierarchical approaches while others implemented more modern participatory models. The research underscores the importance of tailored cultural adaptation strategies for Pan-African companies operating in CAR to overcome these challenges effectively. Companies are advised to invest in language training programmes and culturally sensitive leadership development initiatives to enhance cross-cultural competence and improve operational efficiency. Pan-African companies, Central African Republic, Cross-cultural management, Leadership styles, Language barriers

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