

# Languages of Gabon: A Cultural Mosaic

A journey through the linguistic diversity of our nation





## Two languages, two regions

Gabon is home to an exceptional wealth of traditional languages. Today, we explore two fascinating languages representing different provinces.



### The Tékés

Haut-Ogooué

An ethnic group with unique traditions and a language rich in expressions



### Les Awandjis

Ogooué-Lolo

A multilingual community with several local dialects

# Myth vs Reality

## The Myth

Many believe that all Gabonese ethnic groups speak the same language, except French.

*Wrong!*

## The Reality

Each province has its own distinct language. Even in a single province, you can find several different languages.

*It's a real cultural mosaic!*



# Example: Ogooué-Lolo

## **Awandji**

The main language of the region, spoken by the majority of the local population

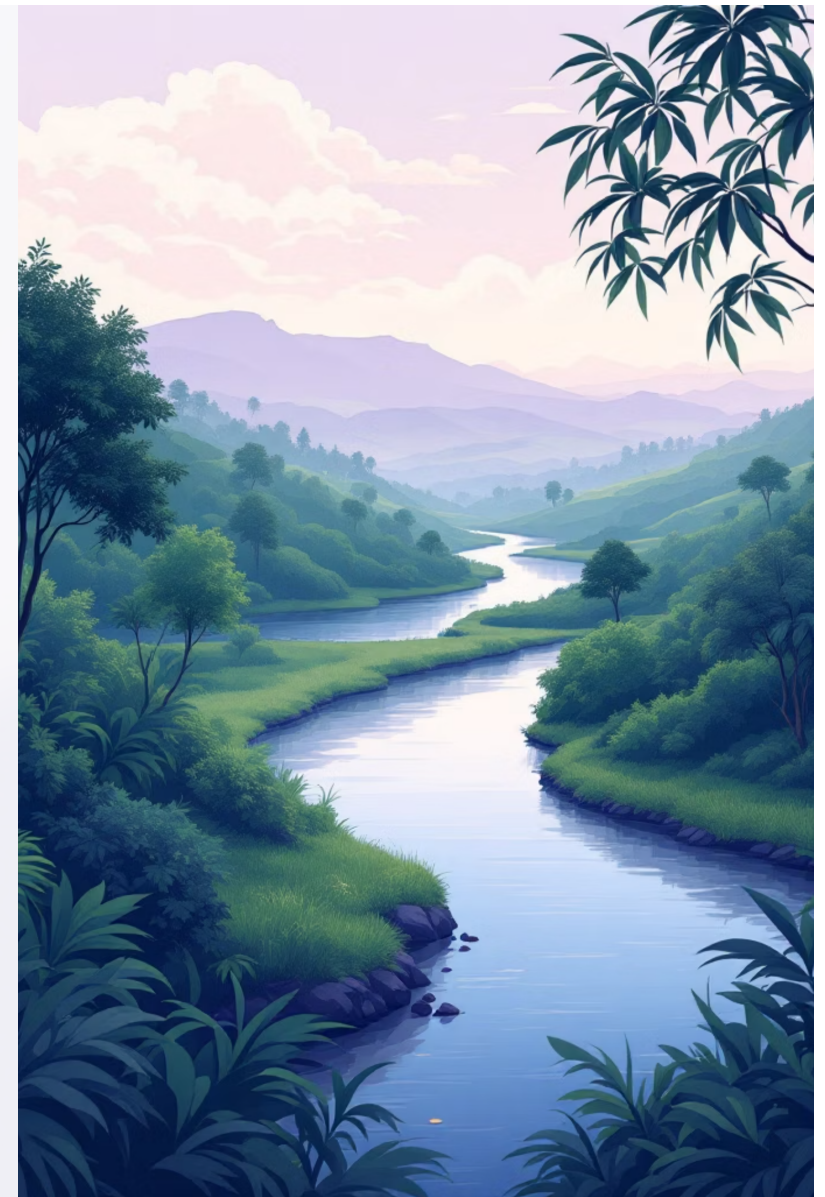
## **Nzébi**

Another dialect present in the province, enriching linguistic diversity

## **Adouma**

A third language spoken, showing the cultural richness of the region

One province, three different languages!



# Exemple : Haut-Ogooué

« **Amboulou** »

What the Teke say to greet someone in the morning or afternoon

« **Bonjour** »

How We Say the Same Thing in french

The same idea, two different expressions depending on the language!





# The Challenge: A Language in Danger

## The current situation

- Many do not speak French fluently
- Many people no longer speak their ethnic language
- Younger generations are losing this cultural connection

## The Impact

This is a true cultural tragedy. When we lose a language, we lose a part of our history, our identity and our heritage.

# The Solution: Technology to the Rescue

Fortunately, modern technology helps us preserve our linguistic heritage.



## Machine Translation

Tools like DeepL and Google Translate can translate words and phrases between languages



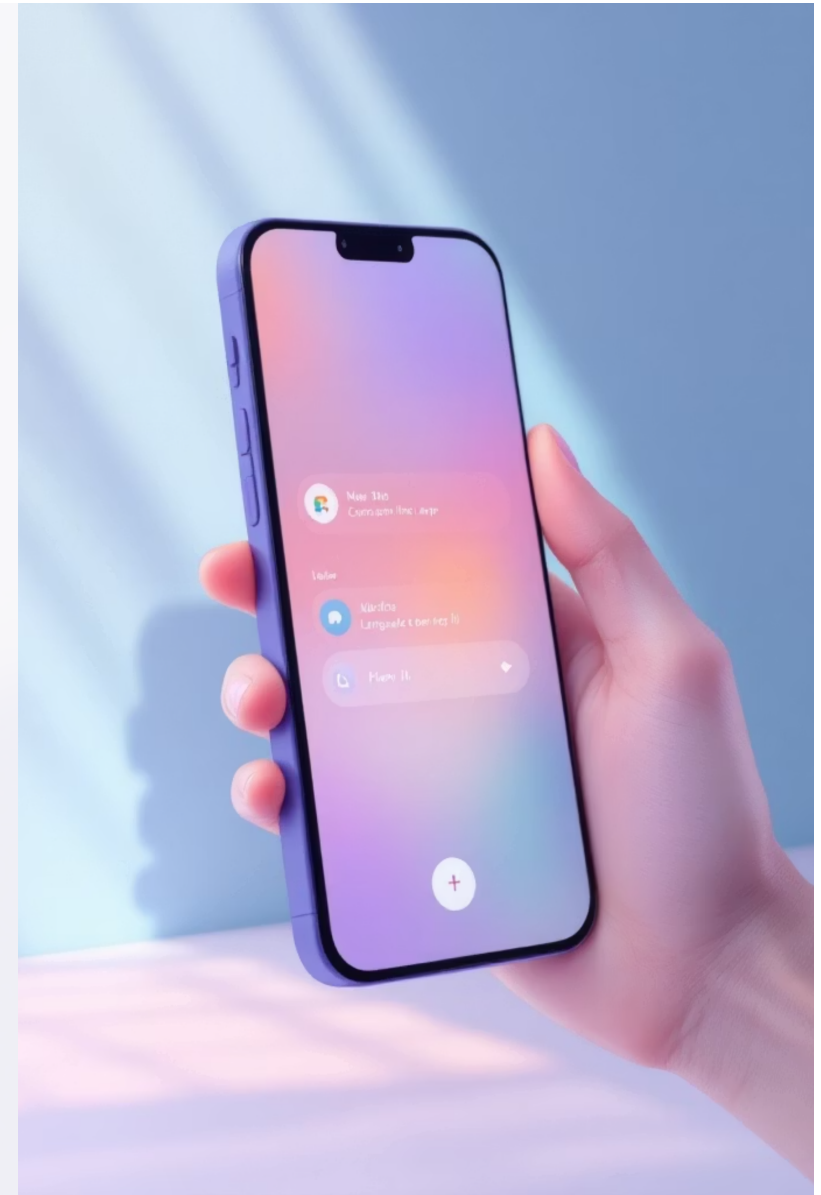
## Database

Their memory records translations, facilitating progressive learning



## Learning Made Easy

Every translation makes the next understanding easier and accessible





# Why it matters



## Cultural Heritage

Languages transmit our history, traditions and identity



## Community Connection

Speaking your mother tongue creates a strong bond with your community



## Youth Future

Helping them understand and appreciate their cultural heritage

# Let's look to the future



## Document

Save languages before they disappear



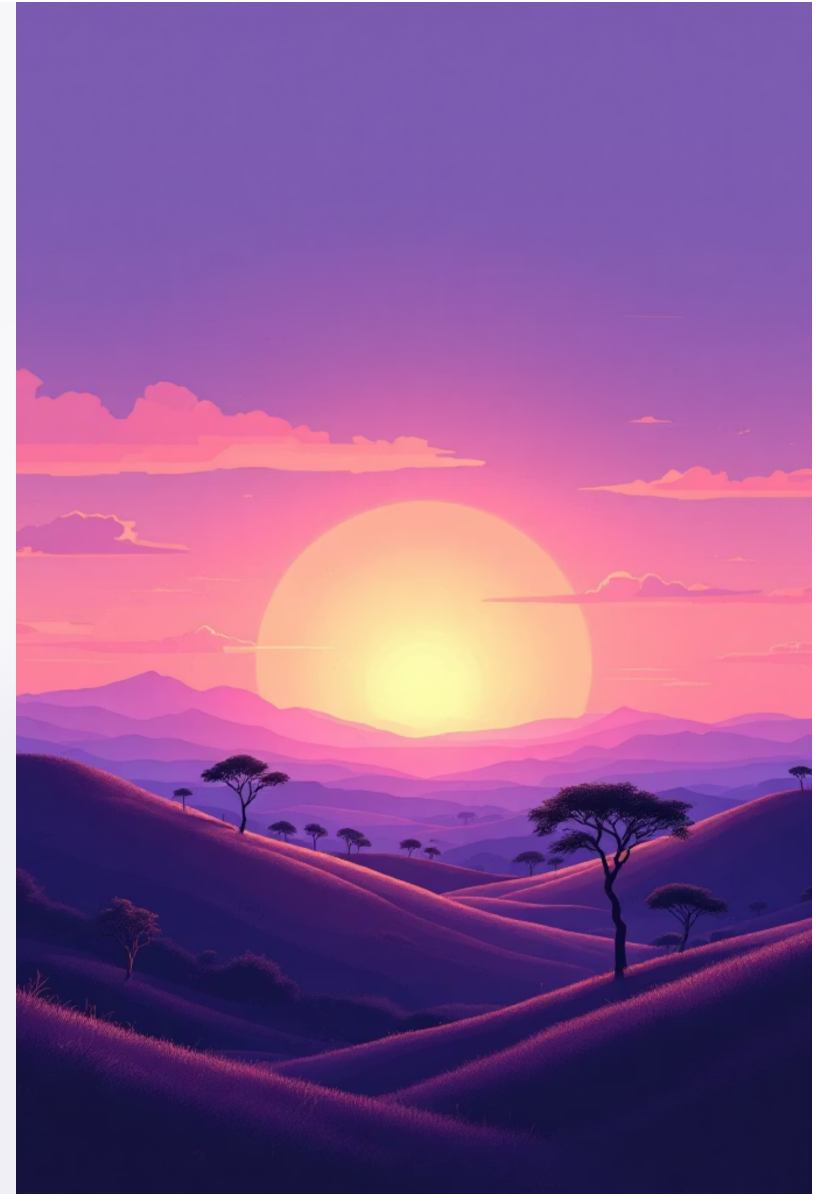
## Educate

Teaching the younger generations



## Connect

Using technology to unite communities





# Preserving our heritage

Every Gabonese language is precious. Together, with the help of technology, we can keep alive these voices that tell our shared story.

*"When you lose a language, you lose a world. Let's preserve our linguistic diversity together. »*