

# **Abstracts on the Aspect of the African culture**

## **English**

Traditional ceremonies in the Meru community are integral to their cultural identity, encompassing various events that celebrate significant life milestones. These ceremonies, including initiation rites, marriages, funerals, and harvest festivals, embody deep meanings and values. Through these rituals, the Meru community preserves its cultural identity while ensuring the continuation of social bonds and ancestral traditions. However, in the modern era, there are challenges in maintaining these traditions due to changes in lifestyle and global influences.

Despite these challenges, efforts to preserve these traditions are ongoing through educational programs, cultural exhibitions, and the documentation of these ceremonies for future generations. Through these means, the Meru community continues to reinforce its cultural heritage, ensuring that these ceremonies remain a vital part of their identity, even as times change.

## **Kiswahili**

Sherehe za jadi katika jamii ya Meru ni sehemu muhimu ya utamaduni wao, zikihusisha matukio mbalimbali yanayosherehekea hatua muhimu za maisha. Sherehe hizi, kama vile ibada za kuvusha watoto kuingia utu uzima, ndoa, mazishi, na sherehe za mavuno, zinawakilisha mafundisho ya kina na thamani za jamii. Kupitia sherehe hizi, jamii ya Meru inahifadhi utambulisho wao wa kitamaduni, huku ikihakikisha kuendeleza uhusiano wa kijamii na urithi wa kimila. Hata hivyo, katika enzi ya kisasa, kuna changamoto zinazohusu kuhifadhi mila hizi kutokana na mabadiliko ya maisha na ushawishi wa kimataifa.

Hata hivyo, juhudi za kuhifadhi mila hizi zinaendelea, kupitia mipango ya elimu, maonyesho ya kitamaduni, na kurekodi sherehe hizi kwa kizazi kijacho. Kupitia njia hizi, jamii ya Meru inaendelea kuimarisha urithi wao wa kitamaduni, huku ikihakikisha kuwa sherehe hizi zinabaki kuwa sehemu muhimu ya utambulisho wao, licha ya mabadiliko ya nyakati.

## **Kimeru Language**

Maciare ma Meru ni maitho ya utongoria wa na aka mwiriku wa maitangika maya. Maciare aya, kairi mbeua, mbiro, rîño na igongona ria rugari, ni mathomo ma maku na kîendera kîa ûrîa thiîri ya itu ithui twîkorania. Nî maciare aya kîndî twarîra îto ya utongoria wa asîrî twîkangîrîra nî no ukoro wa mûikûne na irenda cia uria itungikite rîa thirîri ya atongoria mwirîku nî rîu rîara makîena na atongoria ma ichîrîru. Hindi kîgîri gîakwa munda ûyo, ithui twîkorîragia rîîrî nî rî ngaki ya mwîka na twarîra twîtorania kîndî.

Hindi kîgîri gîakwa mwanya ûyo nî kîrîa ithui twîkorîragia rîîrî, no ukoro wa mathomo ma utongoria wa mûikûne, mathomo ma utongoria wa ichîrîru na ûmbeu. Gîkuanagwo ûngîra wa rîa twîkorîragia itungikîra rîa atongoria twîkorania kîndî, ithuî kwîrumithia ûhoru ûyo nî rî matongoria gîaku ithuî twîkangîra rîa marîîra nî twîkorîragia nî thirîri ya ithui ithukia athaka nîa mwirîku wa ithuî.