

Colloquium on « National Policies : The role of Cross-border and Lesser Used Languages in Africa »

Objectives and Expected Outcomes

Sub-themes	Objectives	Expected outcomes	Executing institutions/bodies
1 . Cross-border languages and lesser used languages : Stock-taking and Country case studies (the purpose is to classify countries according to the similarities and differences found in the case studies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and classify African languages according to their status • Identify strategies for the elaboration of an linguistic Atlas per country and per region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists of cross-border languages and lesser used languages are developed • Cross-border languages and less commonly used languages are classified according to their status such as cross-border language, lesser used language, lingua francae, endangered language, etc. • Strategies for the elaboration of linguistics Atlas are identified per country and per region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and regional institutions/ bodies executing are identified
2. Language planning and corpus planning related to lingua franca, cross-border languages and lesser used languages: Assessment of the situation and Prospects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop case studies to assess the language situation in each country • Determine the state of corpus planning (codification and modernization of African languages, production of reference documents in each language, production of educational materials, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of language policies and prospects • The state of corpus planning and the production of reference documents (grammar, orthographies; dictionaries, etc.), educational materials as well as the state of publishing in African languages is evaluated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and regional executing institutions /bodies are identified
3. Language as a factor of national and regional integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the languages used for national and regional integration in Africa • Determine the domains of language use and the strategies for the integration of African countries through the use of African languages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Languages for national and regional integration are identified • The domains of language use are determined (sharing experiences, language commissions, networking, research, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and regional executing institutions/bodies are identified