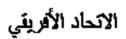
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Operational/planning workshop to launch, and plan the priority activities of the Somali Vehicular Cross-Border Language Commission for its three-year tenure.

Jigjiga 11 - 13 April 2011

Draft Programme

Day 1

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00–10:00 Opening Ceremonies

Chairman: Professor Ayo Bamgbose, Chairperson of the Assembly of Academicians

- Welcoming remarks and presentation of ACALAN by *Prof. Sozinho Francisco Matsinhe, Executive Secretary of ACALAN*
- Speech of the representative of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- Speech by the President of the Somali Regional State, to officiate the opening.

10:00- 10:30 Coffee break

10:30–11:30 -Adoption of the program

-Questions and Answers on ACALAN

11:30–13:00 - Presentation of the Context of Operational /Workshop by Professor Sozinho Francisco Matsinhe, Executive Secretary of ACALAN

- Presentation of the language policy of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- Country reports on language situation: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia.

Discussions

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

Afternoon session:

ChairmanProfessor Ayo Bamgbose, Chairperson of the Assembly of Academicians

14:00-15:30 -Discussion on ACALAN's Plan of Action

- Discussion on the operation of the Commissions: links with the « National Language Structures », role of the RECs, RLCs, Universities, Focal Points, Civil society organizations, etc

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-18:00 Presentation of the Terms of Reference for the Vehicular Cross-Border

Language Commissions and the criteria for the choice of the members by Professor Ayo Bamgbose, Chairperson of the ACALAN Assembly of

Academicians. End of day one

Day Two

Morning Session:

Chairman: Professor Mohamed Hassan Abdulaziz, member of the Assembly

of Academicians, Kenya (East Africa).

9:00 - 9:15 Adoption of reports of day one.

9:15 - 11:00 Election of the Chairperson and Secretary of the Somali Vehicular Cross-

border Language Commission.

11:00- 11:30 Coffee break

11:30- 13:00 Drafting of the first Plan of Action for the Somali language commission.

13:00- 14:00 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session:

Chairman: Professor Mahamed Daahir Afrah, member of the Somali Vehicular

Cross-Border Language Commission.

14:00- 16:00 plenary -report and general discussions on the first draft of plan of action

for the commission.

16:00- 16:30 Coffee break

End of day two

Day three: Planning session for the priority activities of the Somali Commission

Morning Session:

Chairman: Professor Ayo Bamgbose, Chairperson of the Assembly of Academicians

9:00–10:30 Presentation of the context of the Planning session by the Executive

Secretary of ACALAN

- Response from the Chairperson of the Commission

- General questions and answers on the presentation

10:30-11.00 - Coffee Break

11:00-11:30 Introduction of the of the commission members

11:30-11:45 Identification of priority areas based on the ACALAN vision, missions and

objectives

11.45-13.30 Constitution of working groups and beginning of the Commission's work

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session:

Chairman: Professor Mohamed Hussein Rabi, member of the Somali Vehicular

Cross-Border Language Commission.

14:00-18:00 Plenary Session

- Presentation of the outcomes of the sessions by the working groups

- Discussion and harmonization of findings from the groups

- Presentation and adoption of the recommendations of the

Workshop

18:00 Closing ceremony

Chairperson Professor Ayo Bamgbose, Chairperson of the Assembly of

Academicians

Vice-Chairpersons Professor Sozinho Francisco Matsinhe, Executive Secretary of

ACALAN and Professor Mohamed Hassan Abdulaziz, member of the

Assembly of Academicians, Kenya (East Africa).

Moderators: Drs Ojo Babajide Johnson and Lang Fafa Dampha.

Rapporteur Mr Souleyman Sangare