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National Structure and Language Policy Campaign in Member States

- The campaign will be held from 13/05/2019 to 17/05/2019 in Praia, Bissau.
- The objectives of the campaign are: -
 - I. Encourage each and every Member State to have a clearly defined language policy.
 - II. Ensure that all languages within the boundaries of Member States are recognized and accepted as a source of mutual enrichment.
 - III. Ensure that African languages, by appropriate legal provision and practical promotion, assume their rightful role as the means of official communication in the public affairs of each Member State, in partnership with European languages, which have hitherto played this role.
 - IV. Encourage the increased use of African languages as vehicles of instruction at all educational levels.
 - V. Ensure that all the sectors of the political and socio-economic systems of each Member State is mobilized in such a manner that they play their due part in ensuring that the African language(s) prescribed as official language(s) assume their intended role in the shortest time possible.
 - VI. Foster and promote national, regional and continental linguistic unity in Africa, in the context of the multilingualism prevailing in most African countries.
- Expected outcome

carrying out a sensitization campaign in a selected number of countries that are relatively lagging behind in terms of the implementation of the of the objectives of the Revised Language Plan of Action for Africa.

Prize of Excellence

- Announcement the winner during the period 21/05/2019 to 23/05/2019 in ACALAN's headquarter Bamako, Mali.
- The objectives of this competition are: -
 - I. Re-invigorate African languages by adding value that have hitherto eluded them.
 - II. Help in the bid to foster African Cultural Renaissance.
 - III. Strengthen and develop cultural exchanges amongst AU member states.
 - IV. Develop the ToR of the Prize.
 - V. Set priorities in the execution of the award.
 - VI. Propose measures to guide upcoming writers in African languages in order to make their works more valuable and popular.
- The expected outcomes are: -
 - ❖ production and publication of literature in African.
 - ❖ ACALAN in collaboration with publishers on the continent need to make more commitment to invest and develop the indigenous book market.
 - ❖ render writers and publishers more financial support, and to collaborate more with the Education sector, at promoting literacy and the reading culture in order to surmount the difficulties being faced by African writers and publishers.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING FOR KISWAHILI AS A LANGUAGE OF WIDER COMMUNICATION IN AFRICA (KLWCA)

- This mission will be held between 18/06/2019 to 20/06/2019 in Dar Es Salam, Tanzania.
- The objectives of the consultative meeting are to:
 - * Identify and make proposals for solutions to the issues of coexistence between Kiswahili and other languages.
 - * Develop and validate a Partnership Reference Framework between ACALAN and the regional language organizations within the Kiswahili-speaking zone, and on the strategy to adopt in advocating for the use of Kiswahili in member states where it is not in use.
 - * Adopt a joint declaration on the promotion of Kiswahili as a language of wider communication in Africa.
 - * Develop a Plan of Action for the promotion of Kiswahili as a language of wider communication in Africa and more specifically to promote it as a language of instruction and subject in the educational sector
 - * Establish a Technical committee in charge of monitoring and following up the recommendations of the consultative meeting.
 - * Affirm the importance of having a lingua franca in Africa as a vehicle for cohesion, democracy, Human Rights, peace and dialogue on the continent.
 - * Decide ways of involving civil society organizations to mobilize resources and awareness about the initiative.
 - * Identify the possible stakes related to promoting Kiswahili as a language of wider communication in Africa.
 - * Make proposals for solutions to the issues of strengthening language diversity, the coexistence of languages and their promotion at the national level.
 - * Establish a Technical committee for monitoring and following up on the recommendations.

- **Expected outcome**

promoted in the various economic regions of the continent so as to use African languages as more effective means of communication in Africa and as more effective factor of integration and development of the African continent in the context of the African Union's Language Plan of Action for Africa.

The idea of promoting pan-African languages as lingua Franciscus in the various regions of Africa would support the linguistic expression of the African Union's political will.

It will also strengthen the African identity and of make Africa (linguistically) a place on the world stage. Interestingly, the adoption of Kiswahili, a mixture of Bantu languages and Arabic terms spoken either as a mother tongue or as a fluent second language on the east coast of Africa, as an official language of the African Union, alongside, English, French, Portuguese, and Arabic is part of the political will and efforts of our leaders to enable Africa use African languages in Africa's development.

- **Participants**

Will participate in the consultative meeting:

- * Experts and specialists in Kiswahili including Former First Lady of Tanzania, Mama Salma Kikwete – ACALAN's Goodwill Ambassador for Kiswahili, in Tanzania.
- * Representatives of ACALAN's National Structures in the member states where Kiswahili is spoken.
- * Members of ACALAN's Kiswahili Vehicular Cross-border Language Commission.
- * A Representative of the East African Community and the East African Community Kiswahili Commission.
- * Representatives of the Ministries of Education of Member States in which Kiswahili is taught in schools, such as South Africa and Gabon.
- * Independent experts and/or specialists of Kiswahili.
- * Representative of the UNESCO Regional Office in Kenya.
- * Regional and international organizations dealing with promotion of Culture and languages.

Operational and Planning workshop for the Arabic, Tamazight, Igbo, and Amharic

- The work shop will be in Khartoum, Sudan between 25/06/2019 to 27/06/2019.
- The operational workshop has following objectives:
 - I. To establish the Arabic, Amharic, Tamazight, and Igbo Language Commissions.
 - II. To agree on the modalities of operation of the Arabic, Amharic, Tamazight, and Igbo Language Commissions and of the National Language Structures.
 - III. To identify the priority areas of the Arabic, Amharic, Tamazight, and Igbo Language Commissions.
 - IV. To develop action plans taking into account the priority areas identified.
 - V. To clarify the role of other stakeholders, including Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Regional Institutions of Languages and Culture (RILC), Universities, Civil Society Organizations, ACALAN's National Structures.
 - VI. To discuss other issues pertinent to the operation of the Vehicular Cross-border Language Commissions.
- The participants who will be in this workshop:
 - The identified members to establish the Arabic, Amharic, Tamazight, and Igbo Language Commissions.
 - Members of ACALAN's Assembly of Academicians from the regions.
 - Representatives of Regional Economic Communities.
 - Representatives of ACALAN's National Language Structures (Focal Points) of the countries represented in the language commissions).
 - A representative of the Department of Social Affairs of the African Union Commission.
 - Representatives of UNESCO, the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF), and university departments.
 - Members of the ACALAN Secretariat.
 - Representatives of the host country.