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INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

UNESCO – 7 Place de Fontenoy, Paris – Room XI

Launching of the International Year of Languages

Information workshop: **Standard-setting Instruments Promoting Multilingualism**

AGENDA

9.15 Welcoming of the participants

9.45 Launching of the International Year of Languages

H. E. Mr **Olabiya Yai**, Chairman of the Executive Board, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Benin to UNESCO

Gabriele Mazza, Director of School, Out-of-School, Higher Education and Languages, Council of Europe
Ana Luiza Machado, UNESCO Deputy Assistant Director-General for Education

10.15 Introduction: The Existing Normative Tools at the International Level

Janet Blake, International expert, University Shahid Beheshti, Tehran

10.30 am – 1 pm / 2.30 – 4 pm Regional and National Approaches

- > **Sonia Parayre**, Secretariat of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, Council of Europe: **Multilingualism in Europe: the Contribution of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages**
- > **Michele Gazzola**, Observatoire "Economics, Languages and Training", ETI, University of Geneva: **Economic Consequences of the Ratification of the Charter**
- > **Kishore Singh**, UNESCO, Education Sector, **The Right to Education and Language**
- > **Hughes Sicard**, UNESCO, Culture Sector, **The Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage**
- > **Adama Samassékou**, African Academy of Languages: **The African Perspective of Language Planning**
- > **Julia Szelivanov**, Permanent Delegation of Hungary to UNESCO: **Language Policy in Hungary**
- > **Delicia Villagra**, Linguist, Permanent Delegation of Paraguay to UNESCO: **Language Policy in Paraguay**
- > **Antoni Mir**, Linguamón: **Presentation of Linguamón-House of Languages** (Catalonia)
- > **Barbara Trudell**, Academic Affairs Director for the Africa Area, SIL International: **Perspectives for Civil Society**

4 – 5.30 pm Round table - From Standards to Reality: Patterns, Synergies and Limits

Moderator: H. E. Mr **Olabiya Yai**

Introduction by **Iván Ávila Belloso**, Permanent Delegation of Venezuela to UNESCO

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