

"Recent Experiences on Measuring Languages in Cyberspace"

UNESCO Headquarters, Room XVI
Thursday, 22 February 2007, 10:00-18:00

Co-organizers:

- UNESCO
- World Network for Linguistic Diversity ("MAAYA")
- Language Observatory Project (LOP)

Objectives:

- (1) To establish some comparative discussion on the different methodologies for measuring the presence and the absence of languages in the digital world
- (2) To share the experience and findings of the web language surveys on Asia and Africa
- (3) To draw implications from the above experience and discuss about a possible roadmap to promote multilingualism and equal access in the cyberspace
- (4) To demonstrate the usefulness and workability of the multi-stakeholder network

Participants:

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and those who are interested on the subject.

Timetable:

10:00-10:10	Opening, by Abdul Waheed Khan, ADG/CI
10:10-10:20	Keynote, by Adama Samassekou
10:20-10:50	Keynote, by Yoshiki Mikami
10:50-11:20	Report of the Survey of the Asian Languages on the Web, by C. A. Marasinghe
11:20-11:30	Break
11:30-12:00	Report of the Survey of the African Languages on the Web, by S. Kodama and M. Diki-Kidiri
12:00-12:30	Languages in the Caribbean, by Daniel Pimienta, FUNDERES
12:30-13:00	Language Diversity in the Cyber Age, by David & Christopher Dalby, Linguasphere
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30-15:00	<i>Screening of a short film on Welsh language (in English)</i>
15:00-15:30	Survey Methodology, by Y.C. Chew
15:30-16:00	"How to pattern Internet multilingually (and how to cluster it)" by Frederic Monràs, Linguamon - House of Languages
16:00-16:15	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
16:15-18:00	Discussions (discussion items will be circulated later)
18:00	<i>Launch of the publication entitled "Comment assurer la présence d'une langue dans le cyberspace", French version, by Marcel Diki-Kidiri (in French)</i>