



20 February 2009

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

UNESCO – 7 Place de Fontenoy, Paris – Room IV

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Opening

Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO

H. E. Mr Olabiyi Babalola Joseph Yaï, Chairman of the Executive Board

H. E. Mr Md. Enamul Kabir, Permanent Delegate of Bangladesh to UNESCO

H. E. Mr Adama Samassékou, Interim Executive Secretary, African Academy of Languages

11:00 am – 12:00 am

Presentation of the Third Edition of UNESCO Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger

in presence of Editor-in-Chief, **Christopher Moseley**

12:00 am – 1:00 pm

Report on the International Year of Languages

Mauro Rosi, Manager of the Intersectoral Platform for Languages and Multilingualism

Rozenn Milin, Director of the Programme « Sorosoro, so the languages of the world may prosper! », Fondation Chirac

Daniel Prado, Maaya Network for Cultural Diversity, Latin Union

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Round table – Languages matter for communities – the way forward

Moderator: **Clinton Robinson**, Education Sector, UNESCO

Panelists :

Martin Benjamin, Director, Kamusi Project International

Andrew Ikupu, Department of Education, Papua New Guinea

Gloria Caceres, Quetchua teacher, Ministry of Education, Peru

Mathura Tripura, Executive Director of Zabarang Kalyan Samity, Bangladesh

Ahmed Boukouss, Recteur Institut Royal de la Culture Amazighe, Morocco

Akinwumi Isola, Writer, retired Professor of Yoruba literature at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE IN 6 LANGUAGES

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SIDE EVENTS

5:30 pm - In the framework of the DESIGN 21 competition, presentation of the author of the International Mother Language Day poster.

7:30 pm - SALLE DE CINEMA - Projection of the film "The Linguists", discussion with Film Director and Producer Daniel Miller.

"Reflection/Narration: Where Are We Going?" Paintings by Bangladeshi artists Monica Jahan Bose and Intiaj Shohag.

This agenda is subject to change