

# International Mother Language Day Celebration

## *Agenda 21 February 2017*

*“Towards Sustainable Futures through Multilingual Education”*

UNESCO Headquarters, Fontenoy Building, Paris, France. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., ROOM IX, UNESCO

Tuesday 21 February 2017 :  
Morning

<b>9:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Arrival of invitees</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:45</b>	<p><b>Official Opening</b></p> <p>Master of Ceremony : Mr Qian Tang, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO</p> <p><b>Welcome remarks :</b> Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO</p> <p><b>Remarks:</b> Ms Youma Fall, Directrice Langue française, culture et diversités, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) (5mns)</p> <p><b>Remarks :</b> H. E. Mr M. Shahidul Islam, Ambassador of Bangladesh to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO</p> <p><b>Remarks,</b> H.E. Mr Sergio Cáceres García, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Bolivia to UNESCO</p> <p>Short videos: Permanent Delegation of Bolivia to UNESCO “Regional curricula for Indigenous Peoples of Bolivia and Afro Bolivian” UNESCO “Mother tongue” in different languages</p>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<p>Short video: OIF “Multilingualism for sustainable futures in international organisations”</p> <p><b>Presentations and discussion <i>The contribution of languages to sustainable futures</i></b></p> <p>Moderator : Ms Noro Andriamiseza, UNESCO</p>

- **Multilingual education (MLE) and Access to Education in the First Language: Human Rights and Discrimination issues in the French speaking countries** : Mr Philippe Blanchet, OIF Expert (20mns)
- **Multilingual education and literacy: 50 years of literacy Day, its impact on mother tongue education** : Ms Mari Yasunaga, UNESCO and Ms Barbara Trudell, SIL International (20 mns)
- **Biodiversity and Linguadiversity for sustainable futures** : Ms Elisabeth Djukic, Mundolingua (Musée des langues, France) (20mns)
- **Multilingualism as an asset for learning to better live together** : Ms Anna Stevanato, D'une Langue A L'Autre Langues, Éducation, Diversité (DULALA) Association (France) (20mns)
- **Discussion and conclusion** (30mns)

English, French, and Spanish interpretation will be available.



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***Afternoon program, 21 February 2017***

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**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2017 :  
Afternoon**

**4 pm -7pm**

**Interactive Session “Inter comprehension between creole languages”**

**Moderators :** Education sector, (UNESCO -TBD) and Guirlande Louithomme (RFI Club)

**4pm - 4.30pm**

**Videos**

**Questions and Answers**

**4.40pm - 6pm**

**Presentations**

**Questions and Answers**

**6pm - 7pm**

**Poetry Reading in creole languages**

Interpretation will not be provided