

Title: Let's turn to Policy

Organizers: This workshop will be facilitated by the Edinburgh Circle on the Promotion of African Languages (<https://ecpal.home.blog/>), Elise Bagamboula, Ann Hildah Gataaka, Taiwo Oloruntoba-Oju and Bert van Pinxteren.

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The WOCAL CfP states: 'Only by using African languages in all spheres of social life in African societies does communication become inclusive and information truly accessible to all and lead to reducing inequality and establishing sustainable societies.' Clearly, this calls for policies that can bring about a transition to such inclusive and sustainable societies, policies that are informed by relevant linguistic knowledge.

The workshop aims to bring together a number of presentations that address issues of language planning, design and policy (in education as well as in other domains) in Africa, using a linguistic perspective but open to interdisciplinary approaches. Proposals are invited that examine issues such as what inclusive language policies should look like in practice, the choice(s) for national or working languages, what advice to give on national educational strategies from a linguistic perspective, how to plan for and implement changes in language use, how to 'intellectualize' African languages for use in various formal domains, how to work in a participatory rather than a top-down manner, and what a socially relevant linguistic research agenda should look like in view of current policy challenges. Proposals that address specific countries are welcome, as well as proposals that look at African languages more in general.

Researchers wishing to participate in the workshop should submit their abstracts following the abstract submission guidelines for WOCAL10 and include POLI in the "keywords" field. Abstracts should be submitted via the easychair link by November 30th.