

International Mother Language Day 21 February 2019

This year, International Mother Language Day takes place in the framework of the International Year of Indigenous Languages 2019 and the theme for the Day is “**Indigenous languages matter for development, peace building and reconciliation.**”

Agenda

UNESCO Headquarters, Fontenoy Building, Paris, France
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. ROOM IX, UNESCO

Thursday 21 February 2019	
9:30 – 10:00	Welcoming coffee
10:00 – 10:20	<p>Official opening</p> <p>Master of Ceremony: Mr Dov Lynch, Chief, Section of Global Citizenship and Peace Education, Education Sector, UNESCO</p> <p>Welcome remarks: Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO</p> <p>Remarks: H.E. Mr Kazi Imtiaz Hossain, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO</p> <p>Remarks: H.E. Mr Juan Andrés Perello Rodríguez, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of Spain to UNESCO</p> <p>Remarks: Ms Youma Fall, Director of French language, culture and diversities, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie</p>
10:20 – 10:30	<p>Video: “<i>Celebrando nuestra rica diversidad</i>” from UNESCO/Lima, Peru and « <i>Écoles et langues nationales en Afrique</i> » from l’Organisation internationale de la Francophonie</p>

10:30 – 12:00**Presentation and debate****UNESCO presentation (7 mns)**

Linkages between International Year of Indigenous Languages and International Mother Language Day: Ms Irmgarda Kasinskaite-Buddeberg, Communication and Information Sector, Ms Noro Andriamizeza, Education Sector

Debate: *Languages count*

Moderator : Ms Elizabeth Tchoungui, Journalist, France Ô and Numéro 23

Introduction by the moderator

Discussants:

- Ms Sylvie Wharton, Professor, University of Aix-Marseille, France (Plurilingualism in Africa and the Indian Ocean)
- Mr Genner Llanes-Ortiz, Assistant Professor, Centre for Indigenous America Studies, Leiden University, the Netherlands (Indigenous knowledge in intercultural education)
- Mrs Wanna Tienmee, Director of the Foundation for Applied Linguistics, Thailand (Mother-tongue based Multilingual Education for ethnic minority children)
- Mr Marcel Courthiade, Professor, Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (INALCO), France (Romani Language as mother tongue)

Questions and answers

English, Spanish, French interpretation will be available.

ROOM IX - BASEMENT

Entrance: 7, place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris