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Welcome to the African Language and Culture Awareness Site (ALCA)

Former and on-going projects

Summary

IMPORTANT CAVEAT

You are looking at work in progress. Currently, the main purpose of this site is the communication between the team members about the on-going work.

You are welcome to browse but PLEASE KEEP IN MIND that the site is still at an experimental stage with major changes and edits being introduced on a daily basis. Errors are being corrected, orthographies in most of the languages for which data is being collected are still under review.

Due to the constantly growing interest in Africa and its over 2000 languages spoken throughout this vast and diverse continent, our Language Sampler Group is making yet another attempt at restoring the site which has been practically annihilated, primarily as a result of changing servers, but more so as a result of activities of some uncharitable users. The missing files, from the components of this site are an example of this kind of "use".

Who are we? We are a group composed of African journalists, IT specialists, international environmental experts, librarians, linguists and credentialed language teachers including some government language managers. Over a decade we have been attempting to pursue the goal of promoting language and culture awareness of African languages through technology for general audiences. During the intermittent times when we were funded the focus has been on the requirements of each particular project being funded. As a result, the site reflects the goals of various users to some extent. Mostly, however, the work of our team has been *pro publico bono* and in response to the requests and interests of the general audiences as well as our own professional interests.

Platforms:

Best viewed on Android type devices and any laptop since parts of program were originally designed in Flash. The KEYWORD Thesaurus section is already available also on IOS devices.

We are planning to make the entire project available to all

mobile devices at a later time.

More coming soon...

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