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ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS CONFERENCE ON PROMOTING MULTILINGUALISM IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Introduction

The **dplg** in collaboration with **GTZ, the DAC, SABC, MDDA, NCRF** and other partners are hosting an intergovernmental multilingualism conference that will be held in Cape Town, His People Conference Centre, Goodwood, June, 04- 06 2008.

The objectives of the conference are thus

- ❖ To implement multilingualism in local government (policy development and policy implementation) in line with the National Language Policy Framework (NLPF);
- ❖ To mainstream or integrate multilingualism within the Local Government Strategic Framework;
- ❖ To produce draft guidelines on mainstreaming or integrating multilingualism into local government plans and strategies (e.g. ward committees and community development workers (CDWs);
- ❖ To provide a framework on design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation as well training and capacity building for strengthening multilingualism in local government ;
- ❖ To showcase the role of media (electronic and print) in strengthening multilingualism in local government; and
- ❖ To reflect on lessons learned and case studies on the implementation of the Language Policy in municipalities

Call for papers

We call on all interested individuals, scholars, community members, professionals and language enthusiasts with knowledge and contributions to assist in building capacity for language facilitation in local government to submit abstracts on the themes listed below to the conveners_of the conference.

Format for Abstracts

- Write in MSWord.
- The abstract should not exceed 300 words (maximum).
- Please include a cover page with the following information:
- Title in **boldface**
- Author(s) first names and surnames
- Institutional affiliation
- Email address
- Complete details for each author (mail address, phone, fax, email)



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Abstracts should be submitted on any of the following themes:

- (1) Strengthening good governance and community participation through language
- (2) Multilingualism as a development tool in the community
- (3) Speeding up change through Multilingualism in support of 5 Year Local Government Strategic Agenda (5YRLGSA)
- (4) Providing a framework on design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation as well as training and capacity building for strengthening multilingualism in local government
- (5) Contributing towards building capacity for language facilitation in local government.

Content of the conference

The conference will be based on practical investigations and solutions and the programme will be structured as follows:

- 20% will be papers that broaden the reach of theory or raise challenges that can benefit from theoretical investigations and analysis
- 80% will be papers that provide an implementation plan (i.e. Frameworks for design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation as well as training capacity building) to strengthen the mainstreaming of multilingualism in local government. This means practical and workable solutions for the Roll out Plan.
- 100% will be multilingualism in action and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in all official languages of South Africa including Sign language.

Limited Scholarship

Limited Scholarship awards will be available towards attendance at the workshop, transport and accommodation for the approved selected abstracts only.

Deadline for submitting abstracts	30th April, 2008
Notification to authors of provisional consideration of a paper based upon the abstract	06 May 2008

For any relevant information with regard to the conference, do not hesitate to contact the Conference Convenors hereunder:

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