

Pre-WOCAL9 Training in Theory and Methods of Language Documentation

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The Netherlands Institute in Morocco (NIMAR), Leiden University,
3 Avenue Marrakech, 10010 Hassane, Rabat, Morocco.

The ten-day training workshop on language documentation to share and transfer knowledge and skills about the methods and practices of language documentation will be held at The Netherlands Institute in Morocco (NIMAR), Rabat, Morocco, prior to the 9th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL9) to be held at Mohamed V University, Rabat (25-28 August, 2018). The training is intended for graduate students, early career researchers and linguistic faculty in Africa.

Topics to be covered include:

Introduction to documentary linguistics	Ethical issues in language documentation in the African context
Language use and multimodality	Ethnography in language documentation
Data gathering methods	Data Recording techniques - Audio recording and video recording
Grant Writing for Language Documentation Projects	Transcription and annotation methods and tools (e.g., Praat, ELAN, FLEx)
Language documentation and language contact	Applied language documentation: Sketch grammars of use
Semantic analysis and lexicography	Digital language archiving and principles of data management, archiving and dissemination

There are 25 places available, 10 places for participants from North Africa and 15 for participants from the rest of Africa.

To be eligible, applicants must fulfil all of the criteria below:

- Reside and study/work in Africa.
- Minimum of BA or its equivalent involving some linguistic training.
- Some fieldwork experience or have concrete plans for doing documentation work.
- Be committed to and have a plan for transferring the knowledge they acquire to others in their universities and countries.

To apply please complete the attached 2-page application form and send it to:

2018wocal9training@gmail.com

Closing date: **December 15th, 2017.**

Applicants will be notified of the outcome no later than January 30, 2018,

Organising Committee

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Application form

Personal information

Full name

Position

Affiliation

Email

Address 1

Address 2

Town

Region

Post code

Country

Telephone

First language(s)

Other African languages you know

Curriculum Vitae and Motivation

Give a brief statement of your University studies (including degrees obtained). Indicate the linguistics courses you have followed.

What experience do you have in linguistic description (e.g. fieldwork)? Indicate whether the languages you have worked on are your first or other language.

What experience do you have in documentary linguistics including the use of any tools? Indicate if you have participated in any specific training for language documentation.

Which language(s) are you working on or plan to work on?

Explain your commitment as well as how you plan to transfer the knowledge you would acquire to others in your institution and/or country.

Provide the name and contact details of your Supervisor or an academic who would like to serve as a referee for you. Explain why you have nominated this person.

Travel information

There will be travel bursaries to supplement the travel costs of participants from country of residence to Rabat, Morocco. Provide an estimate of the cost of travel from your residence to Rabat (include any costs of visa etc.).

Email your application to **2018wocal9training@gmail.com** no later than **December 15th, 2017**. Applications received will be acknowledged. Decisions will be made by the Organising Committee and communicated to the applicants by January 30th, 2018.