

Wiki Loves Names

Tracing our cultural heritage

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How can we conserve names?



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Communities attach a lot of importance to the names they bear; both individual names and names of their communities. In Africa, there are varied reasons for this. The names are so valued, any attempt to change community names, without the agreement of the entire community always led to crisis.



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Most names were derived from forefathers, rivers/streams, deities, hills, markets and other landmarks while families and individuals usually take their names after family members, market days and known heroes and heroines, among other important institutions.

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In the olden days, Igbo people named their children after the four market days of Eke, Orie, Afor and Nkwo. That is why there are names as Mgbofo, Mgborie, Nwanyinkwo, Mgbeke, Nkwomma, for women, while the men were named Okonkwo, Okoli, Okeke, Okafor Nwafor, Nweke etc.

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In addition, families name their children to symbolize their experiences in life or circumstances surrounding the birth of such children, deceased family members, time or place of birth.

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There are over thousands of names not captured anywhere especially the ancient names and they are going into extinction, most of the young generation youths are not aware of the names and this will be worst if the it is not captured now.

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What data are we going to present to the generations unborn?

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We are bridging this gap between the ancient names and the younger generation and in the same time solve the problem of low participation of African language contributors in contributing to African Wiktionaries as an online educational resource and creation of contents in Wiktionary platforms.



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Current Milestone

Completed the Maiden Edition.

Training: Two (2) pieces of hybrid training

Editathon: Two (2) editathons challenge ascertained the level of understanding and created contents on the Igbo wiktionary platform.

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Outcome

2 pieces of training
2 Edit a thon
1 Contest

54 Editors
Created **2.3K** pages on Igbo
Wiktionary
Edited **2.32K** pages
Total edits **2.87K**

Source: Outreach dashboard
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