Proposal title :
Wikimedia and GLAM in the Global South
Session type : Panel Discussions
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Abstract (Please write at most 500 characters)
Despite the major availability of natural resources and human workforce in the Global South, it is still the most underdeveloped part in the world. Interaction between GLAM Community and Wikimedia Affiliates can be useful to ameliorate the coverage of developing countries in Wikimedia Projects as well as to enhance the move to digital humanities and Libraries 2.0 in low-resourced countries. This session will highlight the work of Wiki World Heritage, Wikimedia and Libraries User Group and Wkimedia Nigeria as well as of several communities in building GLAM partnerships and initiatives worldwide and particularly in the Global South, through focusing on documenting cultural heritage and libraries. Then, it discusses the main directions that should be followed by Wikimedia GLAM in the Global South to enhance Cultural Heritage and Digitization in the developing world.

Description (Please write at most 2000 characters.)
First, WWH presents its activities on Heritage. Then, initiatives outside the group for the representation of Heritage in Commons will be highlighted. After that, WN focuses on the situation and challenges of preserving, documenting and digitizing oral history in Africa. Later, WL shows the value of the synergy between Wikimedians and Librarians in the Global South to achieve milestones at both sides. Finally, a discussion will be held between major actors in the Wikimedia GLAM Projects about the Global South for 10 minutes to identify how to move forward with the Projects combining GLAM with Wikimedia to achieve sustainability in Africa:

I) WWH

Wiki World Heritage: A User Group for Heritage in the Global South (5 members + 1 external partner - 15 minutes):
- World Heritage on Wikimedia projects: assets and challenges
- Fostering the movement through World Heritage:
  - Capacity building program
  - Catalyzing the creation of new communities in countries without affiliates through a project-based approach
  - Developing a user-friendly interface to make wiki content about heritage accessible for relevant audiences

II) Commons

- Wiki Loves Heritage: Enhancing the coverage and quality of intangible African Heritage in Wikimedia Projects (Joy Agyepong - 5 minutes).

- How photographic competitions validate and reveal the many cultures of Africa: Announcing the Wiki Loves Africa winners for 2021 (Isla Haddow-Flood - 5 minutes).

III) WN

Grassroot Languages documentation in Nigeria as a case study (WMNG Board - 10 minutes):
- Need to identify the various endangered African dialects and languages.
- Review on previous works that have been executed within this space in Africa
- Major obstacles around the documentation and digitalization of languages.
- Skills of designing a customized elicitation protocol for recording dialects
- Digital archiving models to be adopted for oral language documentation.

IV) WL

- Creating information systems and resources at a low cost using Wikimedia Projects: Enhancing GLAM and Libraries 2.0 in the Global South (Houcemeddine Turki and Clifford Anderson - 5 minutes).
- Launching campaigns and services to enhance reference support and quality in Wikipedia and sister projects: The Wikipedia Library (Ayokanmi Kaizen - 5 minutes).
- Developing a personalized training program to create a Wikimedia community of African GLAM specialists: Wikipedia and Libraries in Africa (Alice Kibombo - 5 minutes).

V) Final Discussion

GLAM and Wikimedia to achieve sustainability in the Global South (10 minutes):

- Joy Agyepong, Wikimedia Ghana
- Isla Haddow-Flood, Wiki In Africa
- Wikimedia Nigeria Board
- Wikimedia and Libraries User Group Steering Committee
- Wiki World Heritage Board
- Alice Kibombo, AfLIA