

DISCUSSION NOTES

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DISCUSSION TOPIC: Language Diversity

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KEY POINTS: GALDER GONZALEZ, Hugne Neteland, Kubo F Hronostav, Michael Everson, Biyanto Rebm

- Languages are not in the same stages, some are not even written languages, some are not spoken as they are written.
- Language lost and death is a reality of this century
- Communication language on WMF and english as non-neutral language
- Sometimes there are WP but not keywords for it
- Content translation and minority languages. This needs more articles:
 - orthography
 - connection
 - time
- Knowledge motto is not a reality: some cultures can't get it, because not ↗-keyboards
 - ↳ saves time, focus on languages
 - knowledge+access
- Software can help to make writing easier. Transliteration can also help.
- Even in English Wikipedia there's not a wide information on minority languages
- Multidialect Wikipedias could be a solution for smaller communities
- Wikidata templates can make automated articles in virtually any language.
- Education laws, making local languages not useful in education
- The information is lost with every language translation. Diversity is knowledge.

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS (IF ANY):

- Design simple and basic dictionaries in as many languages as possible
- WMF must provide help (technological, materials, brochures...) to minority language teachers
- Include language question into STRATEGY
- Organise a language conference to speak specially about that
- WMF is not gonna save a language, but have a commitment for helping and improving languages, in a timely fashion
- Local knowledge is part of universal knowledge.
- Diversity is knowledge
- A language is not only a communication tool.
- Our mission is giving knowledge to every one, not to write an Encyclopedia only
- References and sources are not ALWAYS possible.
- WMF must help with input methods to languages (software or stickers)