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The Unsystemized Mother Tongues of Africa **A Neglected Survival Resource for Pan-Africa**

Date: 8 March 2015, 10:15 – 17:00

Venue: Engelska Parken, Uppsala University, 7:0042

Efforts to eradicate global poverty and improve education and health require that communication is real, effective and useful at the grass roots. This workshop will discuss how lack of provider access to hitherto unsystemized local languages has played a major role in the inability of medicine and development decisions to be deployed in the most afflicted parts of Africa. We will discuss methods to collect, study, and digitally preserve an extensive body of primary, multi-modal material and how to make this widely available for robust continuation of survival practices.

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Places on the workshop are limited. Please register your participation before 5 March by
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