ACALAN STRATEGIC PLAN: ASSESSMENT

Strategic Line 1: Institutional and policy mechanism

3 Objectives:

- to complete the establishment of ACALAN's statutory structures;
- to ensure ACALAN's functioning;
- to provide support to language institutions at national and regional levels.

5 Expected results:

- The statutory structures of ACALAN are established;
- The statutory structures are functional;
- The capacity of language institutions are strengthened at national and regional level;
- To mobilize resources to finance ACALAN's plans of action.
- The visibility of languages institutions is ensured.

16 Actions proposed:

- Transitional Measures
- To identify cross-border languages in the country of each sub-region
- To establish vehicular cross-border language commissions
- To establish a study team of languages
- To approve ACALAN's final structures and ensure budget provisions Sec / IGB.
- To conduct architectural studies for the construction of the ACALAN headquarters
- To ensure documents translation and Interpretation
- To ensure fundraising to finance the functionality of ACALAN's structures and activities [Japan / South Africa] Sec / IGB
- To Support cross-border language Commissions in the exercise of their functions
- Regional Conference for dialogue between political and cultural actors (West Africa, Southern Africa, Central Africa, North Africa) Sec / IGB
- To create a fund for the development of African languages
- To advocate for the approval of a decade of African languages. Sec / IGB
- To monitor and evaluate ACALAN's structures and activities Sec / IGB
- To plan the major activities and events ... celebrating the decade of African languages (DAL) with all stakeholders (arts and culture community, Diaspora etc.)
- To implement the activities ... celebrating the decade of African languages
- Some African languages are official in practice in all the AU regional structures

The 3 objectives are to a larger extent reached. The activities in green have been more or less carried out.

**Strategic Line 2** : **Partnership/cooperation (networking and meeting)**

3 Objectives:

- To build the capacities of the three (03) regional centres;
- To set up two (02) other centres;
- To develop a relevant partnership between ACALAN and the other networks in the language field;

5 Expected results:
- The three (03) regional centres are functional;
- Two (02) other regional centres are created and functional;
- Partnerships between ACALAN and the other networks are established (bilateral and multilateral partnerships);
- The visibility of ACALAN is set at national, regional, sub-regional and international levels;
- The internal and external resources to finance the various operational plans are available.

10 Actions:

- To build the capacities of the regional centres' staff
- Institutional support to regional centres
- Signed partnership agreements
- To organize missions of collaboration and networking
- To organize regional consultative meetings in Southern
- Central and Eastern Africa, Sec / IGB / regional actors;
- To undertake income-generating activities (consultations and publications)
- AAU; WOCAL so forth.
- Regional languages,
- Literacy and Adult Education Structures (to be specified)

2 out of 3 objectives were reached. 5 out of 10 actions were carried out.

Strategic Line 3 : Promotion and valorisation of languages

5 Objectives:

- To promote operational research on languages for their use in all the domains of life;
- To capitalize innovative experiences as far as language is concerned
- To make ICTs available to the promotion of languages;
- To make available mapped information on African languages (existence of networks at national, regional and international and specialised centres);
- To implement the major projects of the African Academy of Languages.

12 Expected results:

- Languages are introduced in education, administration, communication and in the management of power;
- A new culture of language use in society is irreversible;
- ICTs are adapted to the promotion of languages (ICT localization, ICT development in languages: software, hardware and protocols...);
- A better understanding and management of the African language space;
- A Centre specialized in the analysis of languages dynamics exist;
- A critical mass of high-level linguist exists;
- The Pan-African Centre of Interpretation and Translation is functional;
- Human resources in translation and interpretation are available;
- Tales and stories are made available to African children;
- Reading culture in African languages is introduced;
- Lexicons and dictionaries are available in languages;
- African languages are empowered to serve as communication tools in the cyberspace.

12 Actions (consist of planning and implementing ongoing research projects):

- To coordinate research
- To develop a policy paper for African language;
- To publish research results
- To Support the development of human resources;
- The Atlas project
- The Pan-African Master & PhD in Applied Linguistics (PANMAPAL), Yaoundé, Cameroon;
- The Pan-African Centre of Interpretation and Translation, headquarters of ACALAN, Bamako, Republic of Mali;
- Stories Across Africa (StAAf) project, Cape Town, South Africa;
- The Terminology project, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania;
- Lexicography project, Gaborone, Botswana;
- African Languages and Cyberspace project, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;
- Advocacy for the use of 3 or 4 African languages in all regional structures of the African Union Sec / IGB

4 out of 5 objectives are being implemented through 7 actions (in green) out of 12 planned.

***Strategic Line 4* : Communication**

2 Objectives:

- To provide support to the African Centre for Research, Documentation and Production to disseminate information through its database;
- To facilitate the network.

3 Expected results:

- The visibility of ACALAN is ensured;
- Information is available and accessible to every potential user;
- Information sharing is guaranteed through the website (exchange flows).

6 Actions:

- Regular publishing of the Bulletin
- Regular facilitation of information
- Development of tools to run the website (Forum, advertising service, newspapers).
- To make more relevant language tools through the use of New Information Technologies and Communication;
- To archive documents and to constitute a data bank
- To build partnerships with all media and publishers in African language literature

All the objectives and 4 out of 6 actions are being carried out.

Looking at the 2007- 2011 Action plan, not much has been achieved.

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