

**DECISION ON THE LANGUAGE PLAN OF ACTION FOR AFRICA**  
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**The Executive Council:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Language Plan of Action for Africa;
2. **UNDERLINES** the importance of African languages in the promotion of social justice and sustainable development;
3. **RECOGNIZES** that the promotion of African languages, especially those which transcend national frontiers, is a vital factor in advancing the cause of African integration;
4. **COMMENDS** the Commission and the Conference of African Ministers of Culture for updating the Language Plan of Action for Africa and **CALLS FOR** its implementation at national, sub-regional and continental levels;
5. **REQUESTS** the Academy of African Languages (ACALAN), based in Bamako, Mali, to operationalize the Action Plan and facilitate its implementation;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to coordinate, follow up and report on activities towards the implementation of the Action Plan;
7. **ENCOURAGES** UNESCO and other relevant partners to continue to work closely with the Commission and ACALAN in the process of implementing the Plan of Action.

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