

Language & the UN

May 1, 2012 10:00 - 5:00

Schedule of Events:

9:30 Registration

10:00 Greetings and opening address

10:30 Language Policy at the United Nations

Françoise Cestac, Former UN Assistant Secretary-General. Introduction

Marie-Josée de Saint Robert, Chief, Languages Service, Division of Conference Management, UN Geneva,

"Policy Regarding Language Use at the United Nations"

André Corrêa d'Almeida, Columbia University "The Portuguese Language in the United Nations"

11:45 The Language Policy Background and Its Implications (1)

Clément Mbom, Brooklyn College, "Language and Human Development"

Anna Luisa Daigneault, Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages,

"The Endangered Languages of South America: Grassroots Language Activism and New Media for the 21st Century"

Lauren Zentz, University of Arizona, "Legacies of Modernity, Postcoloniality, and Globalization: Language Policy in Indonesia"

12:45 Lunch

1:45 The Language Policy Background and Its Implications (2)

Timothy Reagan, Central Connecticut State University, "But What Is My Mother Tongue: Rethinking the Challenges of Mother Tongue Education"

Panel discussion by the speakers in the morning and early afternoon sessions

2:45 Language Teaching and Learning

Bonnibeth Fonseca-Greber, University of Louisville, "Preparing the UN's Next Generation: A Professional Development Plan for Translator Candidates"

Patricia Duffy, Miriam E. Ebsworth and colleagues, New York University, "Learning English for Peace: An Online English Course about the UN"

Sohair Soukkary, Baruch College, CUNY, "Language Teaching: Tapping the Right Side of the Brain"

3:45 The NGO Experience

Presentations by the Legion of Goodwill and other NGOs

4:30 Closing Remarks

Humphrey Tonkin, University of Hartford, "Thirty Years of Church Center Conferences on Language at the UN"

Closing Remarks: Françoise Cestac

5:00 Reception

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