Research institutions in Cameroon

Presentation on:

International Society of Linguistics

Institute for Training and Demographic Research

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International Society of Linguistics

• founded in 1934 by William Cameron Townsend

• SIL-Cameroon is one of the many branches all over the world

• established in Cameroon since 1968

Michel Kenmogne
current director of the SIL international
International Society of Linguistics

Aims

• Serve different linguistics community through the development of their mother tongues

• The SIL in Cameroon works with a focus on rural communities of remote area.

• Translate the Bible in local tongues

• Value and maintain endangered languages
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Work methods

• Linguistic research

• Bible translation in local mother tongues

• Alphabetization of rural communities
Science journals

- SIL releases every year books on language issues written by ethnologists and linguists.

- constant science journals of the SIL are:
  - *SIL-Cameroun, Rapport annuel*, which lines out some activities carried out by the SIL in Cameroon during the year.
  - *SIL, Bilan annuel, Revue*, which draw a balance-sheet of the activities and the achievements of the SIL for the year all over the world.
Institute for Training and Demographic Research

• founded in 1971 in Yaoundé by the United Nations and the government of Cameroon

• It regroups 26 countries of French speaking in Africa and of Indian ocean

• IFORD – Yaoundé is situated in the Ngoa Ekelle campus, but is academically linked to the University of Yaounde II
Institute for Training and Demographic Research

Aims

- train specialists in population research
- Carry out research on population problems
Work methods

- collecting, processing and analyzing social and demographic data
- defining and putting in place a frame work for population policy
Science journals

*Les Dossiers de l’IFORD*, since 2001, which publishes scientific articles on population issues.