

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

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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

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Work methods

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

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Science journals

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