



**UNIVERSITIES
SOUTH AFRICA**

**COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE FOR THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF AFRICAN
LANGUAGES (COPAL)**

AGENDA

Meeting:	Community of Practice for the Teaching and Learning of African Language (CoPAL)
Date:	13 November 2025
Time:	08:30 – 15:00
Venue:	University of the Western Cape,
Chairperson:	Prof Nobuhle Hlongwa, Dean and Head of School of Arts University of KwaZulu-Natal
Deputy Chairperson	Prof Lolie Makhubu-Badenhorst, Director: Multilingualism Education Project CHED, University of Cape Town

ITEM	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
1	08:30 – 08:45	OPENING AND WELCOMING - Opening Remarks - UWC note of welcome	Prof Nobuhle Hlongwa, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Prof Mantoa Motinyane, Deputy Dean: Learning and Teaching, University of the Western Cape
Governance			
2	08:45 – 09:00	APOLOGIES	Ms Tentswalo Ngobeni
3		MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	Chairperson
4		MATTERS ARISING	Chairperson
4.1		SMU Membership Representation	Ms Ngobeni
4.2		NIHSS Call – University Submissions	Mr Thabang Molatou (VUT) Prof Sandiso Ngcobo (MUT) Prof Lolie Makhubu-Badenhorst
4.3		Update on Sesotho Book Launch	Dr Rethabile Possa,

			University of Cape Town
4.4		Unified Language Conference – Planning Progress	Chairperson and USAf Secretariat
5	NEW MATTERS - PRESENTATIONS		
5.1	09:00 - 09:20	Update on language policy implementation at UWC	Prof Mantoa Motinyane , UWC
5.2	09:20 – 10:15	Status Update on implementation of language policies in the universities	Prof Bassey Antia , Professor of Applied Linguistics, University of the Western Cape (UWC) Mr Simon Motlhanke , Deputy Director, Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)
5.3	10:15 – 11:00	Open Access Publishing, Opportunities for African Languages	Mr Glenn Truran , Director, South African National Library and Information Consortium (SANLiC)
	11:00 – 11:15	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
5.4	11:15- 12:00	Presentation on Sifunda isiZulu ngobuchwepheshe (learning online platform)	Dr Phindile Dlamini , Senior Lecturer and Director of UKZN Press, University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)
5.5	12:00 – 12:30	Presentation on TLSG Benchmarking Study on Manualism	Prof Dion Nkomo , Full Professor in the School of Languages and Literatures, Rhodes University (RU).
5.6	12:30 – 13:00	Update on the Implementation of Mother Tongue-Based Bilingual Education	Dr Naledi Mbude-Mehana , Deputy Director-General for Transformation Projects, Department of Basic Education (DBE)
	13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
5.7	14:00 – 14:40	Institutional reports on Language Activities (10 minutes each)	• Dr Kabelo Sebolai (CPUT) • Dr Vimbai Hungwa (SMU) • Dr Zukiswa Gxekwa (UFH) • Ms Chanel Van Der Merwe (NMU) • Prof Stanley Madonsela (UNISA)

		<i>For Noting</i>	Dr Buyi Makhanya (MUT)
5.8	14:40 – 15:00	Reflection on the work of CoPAL in 2026 and programme of work for 2026	Prof Hlongwa
6	15:00	CLOSING ITEMS Meeting dates for 2026	

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Annexure 1: Minutes of the CoPAL meeting (26 June 2025)

Annexure 2: CoPAL Attendance List (26 June 2025)

Annexure 3: Terms of Reference