

# **Download Languages In Africa Multilingualism Language Policy And Education**

1. In terms of the new Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, the government, and thus the Department of Education, recognises that our cultural diversity is a valuable national asset and hence is tasked, amongst other things, to promote multilingualism, the development of the official languages, and respect for all languages used in the country, including South African Sign Language and ...Multilingualism is the use of more than one language, either by an individual speaker or by a community of speakers. It is believed that multilingual speakers outnumber monolingual speakers in the world's population. More than half of all Europeans claim to speak at least one language other than their mother tongue; but many read and write in one language. LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION POLICY 14 JULY 1997 1. The language in education policy documents which follow have been the subject of discussions and debate with a wide range of education stakeholders and role-players. The word multilingualism can be used to refer to the use or maintenance of more than one language in a certain context. In this regard it may refer to the fact that many languages are spoken in South Africa but also that many South Africans know more than one language.