

## Author and editor biographies

### Dr Feyi Ademola-Adeoye (author)

Feyi Ademola-Adeoye is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of Lagos. She holds a PhD in Linguistics from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa (2011). She has served in several academic and administrative roles at the University of Lagos, including Course Adviser and Foundation Programme Coordinator in the Department of English, Deputy Director of the Institute of Continuing Education, Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Deputy Director and Postgraduate Coordinator at the Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, and Member of Senate. She is currently the Early Career Coordinator at the University of Lagos African Cluster Centre. With more than three decades of academic experience, Dr Ademola-Adeoye has taught and researched widely in syntax, phonetics, phonology, digital humanities, cultural and anthropological linguistics, and gender studies. A fellow of the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies and the Moi University African Cluster Centre, she is also a Principal Investigator at the University of Lagos African Cluster Centre, part of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, University of Bayreuth.

### Dr Adédoyinsólá Èlẹ̀shin (author)

Adedoyinsola Eleshin is a lecturer in the Department of Linguistics, African and African and Asian Studies of the prestigious University of Lagos, Nigeria. She is a researcher and language enthusiast. Her research focuses on terminology development in African languages, with special interest in the Yorùbá language. Adedoyinsola is also a seasoned translator who has taken part in a number of translation projects, including the translation of the National Data Protection Act, 2023 into the Yorùbá language. She is highly interested in exceptional and interdisciplinary research.

**Dr Emilisco Jones Enoachuo (author)**

Emilisco Jones Enoachuo is a lecturer and researcher of Applied Linguistics in Cameroon, exploring the complex relationship between language, society, and the environment through a sociolinguistic lens. Dr Enoachuo's chapter in *Local Languages, Global Futures: Language, Learning, and Sustainability in Africa* highlights the vital role of local languages as engines of sustainable development across the continent, rather than obstacles to progress. With a passion for preserving linguistic diversity, examining language, and sustainability in Africa, using frameworks of Pragmatics, Ecolinguistics, and endangered language documentation, her research focuses on Cameroon's national languages, particularly the Nyang language group and Mokpe (Bakweri), seeking innovative approaches to language development that respect local ecologies and cultural heritage. She champions sustainable language practices for a thriving future as well as addressing pressing issues of language sustainability in Africa.

**Dr Doris Löhr (editor)**

Doris Löhr holds a PhD in African Linguistics from Goethe-University Frankfurt and a Master's degree in African Languages and Cultures, Social Anthropology, and Education Sciences from Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz. She currently holds a position at the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence at the University of Bayreuth. Her research interests span linguistic description, language contact, and the role of African languages in education within multilingual contexts. Within the frame of the Collaborative Research Centre SFB 268 'History of Culture and Language in the Natural Environment of the West African Savannah' she conducted extensive fieldwork in North-Eastern Nigeria and published the first grammatical description of the endangered Chadic Malgwa language. She subsequently held research and teaching positions in Mainz, Frankfurt, Leipzig, and Hamburg, including work on Kanuri-Kanembu dialects around Lake Chad. Beyond research, she has experience in academic coordination and international collaboration and has managed interdisciplinary projects such as Future Africa – Visions in Time (2012–2019), has co-edited volumes including *Kanuri, Borno and Beyond* and *African Studies Centres Around the World* and is also active in profes-

sional associations, serving on boards in African and transregional studies, e.g. the Executive Management Council of the African Institute in Indigenous Knowledge Systems consortium.

### **Dr Sarita Monjane-Henriksen (author)**

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### **Tomoe Noguchi (author)**

Tomoe Noguchi is Ph. D candidate in the Division of African Area Studies, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies at Kyoto University, Japan. Her research is targeting groups of the San, also known as the (post-)hunter gatherer communities of Southern Africa. Since 2022, she has conducted her field research with the San people in Botswana called the G!ui and G!ana. Her current research theme is “Reorganizing educa-

tion in the contemporary Glui/Glana community: Focusing on children's interactions." She is a member of the Research and Advocacy Group of Hunter Gatherer Education and engaged in community empowerment. She has published several papers, including 'Help to climb up: impacts of modern education among the Glui and Glana' and 'Diversity and transition of stepfamilies among the Glui and Glana' (both articles are published on *Hunter Gatherer Research* in 2024). Her research career with the community has just started, but she is growing with the Glui/Glana children!

### **Dr Comfort Beyang Oben Ojongnkpot (author, editor)**

Comfort Beyang Oben Ojongnkpot is Associate Professor of English Language and Linguistics at the University of Buea, Cameroon. She is Head of Department for the Department of English and Cultural Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Buea. Sponsored (2019) by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation as Post-Doctoral Researcher at the Technological University of Chemnitz, Germany. Comfort is credited with over 35 publications in reputable journals and edited books. She is Travel Award grantee to a number of international conferences, workshops and symposia. Has attended a number of Summer Schools in Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia. She is member of scientific associations across the world as well as coordinator of a number of them. Comfort has over 28 years of experience in Language Teaching and Linguistic Research. Irrespective of her professional commitment, Comfort has a knack for socio-politico-cultural concerns; since 2002, she has been Councillor for the Buea municipality; from 2013–2019; she was 4<sup>th</sup> Deputy Mayor for the same Municipality. Since 2016, she has been at the helm of a network of Manyu Women, scattered all over the world, popularly known by the name, MOHWA Global. Comfort is a mother of three biological and many adoptive children.

### **Prof Dr Taiwo Oloruntoba-Oju (editor)**

Taiwo Oloruntoba-Oju is a professor of English and Applied Linguistics at the University of Ilorin, Nigeria. His teaching and research foci include Language and Society (Polity, Gender, Youth and Urbanity); Communication Skills and Language Development; African Indigenous Lan-

guages, and Language in Drama and Theatre. He has published widely in these areas. He is co-founder and Steering Committee member of the Edinburgh Circle for the Promotion of African Languages, and a founding Editor of the *Journal of Language Policy in Africa*. Oloruntoba-Oju has been a fellow of the British Council, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany, Cambridge Writers Seminar, Nordic Africa Institute in Sweden, Edinburgh University in the UK, and a Language Evaluator, LINGUA, Switzerland, among other honours. Oloruntoba-Oju is also a published playwright and poet.

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### **Dr Bert van Pinxteren (author, editor)**

Bert van Pinxteren is a guest researcher at the Leiden University Centre of Linguistics. He has an MA in adult education and community organization from the University of Amsterdam (1981), a Research Master in African studies from Leiden University (2018) and a PhD in Applied African linguistics also from Leiden University (2021). Bert has worked in a number of international NGOs, notably on environment and development issues, including with Friends of the Earth International and ActionAid Netherlands. His book, *Language and Education in Africa* (2022) was published by the Leiden African Studies Centre. Bert is sec-

retary to the Edinburgh Circle on the Promotion of African Languages and one of the editors of the journal, *Language Policy in Africa*. He has published in a number of journals and is the author of several chapters in edited volumes. He has presented papers at numerous international conferences and organized several international workshops.

**Prof Dr Ayo Yusuff (editor)**

Ayo Yusuff is a Research Professor in and currently Director of the Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of Lagos, Nigeria. He studied Linguistics and Yoruba Language at the University of Lagos and University of Ibadan, Nigeria. In 2007, he was a member of the team of linguists that produced the Yoruba version of Local Language Program for Microsoft Corporation. In 2011, he participated in the production of a unified standard orthography for the Yoruba language cluster adopted for the writing of Yoruba in Nigeria, Republic of Benin and the Republic of Togo. In 2017, he was in the team that developed the English-Yoruba Glossary of HIV, AIDS and Ebola Related Terms, which was published with him as Lead Editor. He specializes in Morpho-syntax and Language Engineering. He has over 40 publications in reputable journals and books. His doctoral thesis, titled “Lexical Morphology in Yoruba Language Engineering,” presented to the School of Postgraduate Studies, University of Lagos in 2008, has been published by VDM Germany in 2010. Ayo YUSUFF is the Academic Coordinator of University of Lagos African Cluster Centre, Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence in African Studies, University of Bayreuth, Germany.