

Personal Data

Name: Al-Amin Abu-Manga Mohamed.

Date and place of birth: 01.01.1951 – Maiurno (Sennar).

Nationality: Sudanese.

Marital status: Married, and father of 4 children.

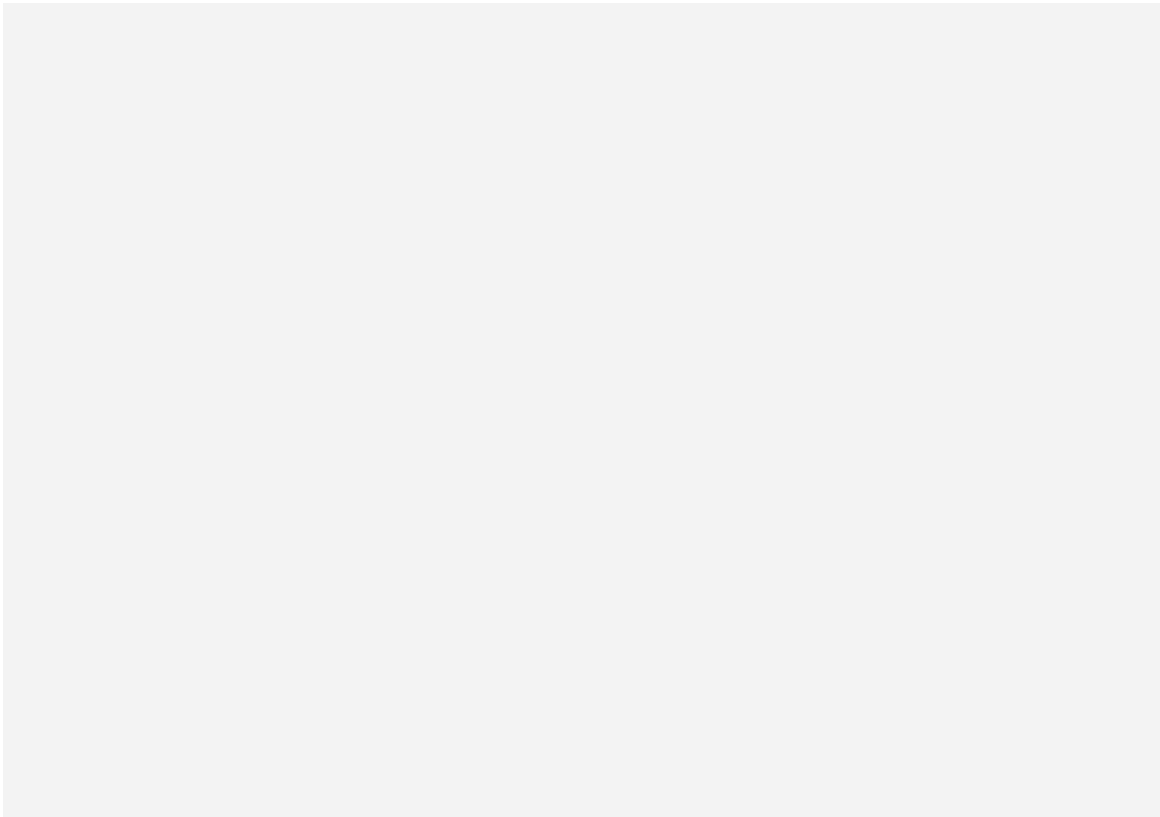
Present title: Professor (since January 1999).

Present position: – Director, Institute of African and Asian Studies,
University of Khartoum (since 2002).

- Head, Dept. of Sudanese and African Languages,

Institute of African and Asian Studies, University of Khartoum (since 1991).

- Chairman, Council for the Development and Promotion of the National
Languages



Education

- Primary School, Maiurno, 1958 – 62.
 - Intermediate School, Sennar, 1962 – 66.
 - Secondary School, Sennar, 1966 – 70.
 - Undergraduate studies, University of Khartoum, 1970 – 76.
 - Two summer courses of French language at l`Institut de Touraine, France, 1972 and 1973 (three months each).
 - One academic year at the University of Grenoble, France, 1974 -75.
 - Postgraduate studies for M.A., Institute of African and Asian Studies, University of Khartoum, 1976 – 78.
 - Postgraduate studies for Ph.D., Univ. of Marburg, Federal Republic of Germany, 1983 – 86.
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Qualifications

- Ph.D. in African Languages and Linguistics, University of Marburg, Fed. Rep. of Germany, 1986.

- Zertifikat : Deutsch als Fremdsprache (German as a Foreign Language) Goethe-

Institute, Mannheim, Fed. Rep. of Germany, 1983.

- M.A. in Sudanese and African Languages, Institute of African and Asian Studies,

Univ. of Khartoum, 1979.

- B.A. Honours, Faculty of Arts, University of Khartoum, 1976.

- Diplome Superieur d'Etudes Francaises de 3eme Degre, University of Grenoble,

France, 1975.

Knowledge of the following languages

Studied, speak, read and write :

1-Arabic

2- English

3- French

4- German

5- Fulfulde (Fulani),

6- Hausa

7- Swahili (to some extent).

Experience

1. - 1976-78, French teacher as a part-time job at the Islamic University of Omdurman,
2. Sudan.
3. - 1978-82, Research Fellow and lecturer at Bayero University Kano, Nigeria.
4. - 1981 (Oct.-Dec.), visiting Research Fellow to the University of Marburg, Fed. Rep.
5. of Germany (for preparation of a book of a Fulfulde course, jointly with Prof. H.
6. Jungraithmayr).
7. - 1982-1983 (6 months), Fulfulde instructor as a part-time job at Frobenius Institute,
8. University of Frankfurt, Fed. Rep. of Germany.
9. - 1984-86, Fulfulde instructor as a part-time job at the Dept. of African languages and
10. Linguistics, Univ. of Marburg, and later at the University of Frankfurt.
11. Since 1987, staff member of the Institute of African and Asian Studies, University of Khartoum.

Writings and Publications

Submenu

- [a\) Books & Monographs \(in English, unless otherwise stated\)](#)
- [b\) Articles](#)
- [c\) Book Reviews](#)
- [d\) Yet to be edited](#)

Conferences and Seminars (a paper was presented to each one)

1. The International Seminar on Muslim Movements, B.U.K., Kano, 1980.
2. The Second Annual Conference of the Linguistic Association of Nigeria, B.U.K., Kano, 1981.
3. The First Annual Conference of Nigerian Folklore Society, Kano, 1981.
4. The second Hausa International Conference, B.U.K., Kano, 1981.
5. The Second International Fulfulde Conference, B.U.K, Kano, 1982 (convener).
6. Cultural Dimensions of Development in Africa and the Arab World, University of Khartoum, 1989 (secretary).
7. The 4th Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, University of Bayreuth (Germany), 1989.
8. Sudan Foreign Relations, Inst. of African and Asian studies, University of Khartoum, 1990.
9. The Second International Sudanese Studies Conference (Sudan: Environment and People), University of Durham (England), 1991.
10. Studia Chadica et Hamito-Semitica, University of Frankfurt, 1991.
11. Language Use and Language Change in the Lake Chad Area, University of Maiduguri (Nigeria), 1991.
13. The 6th Session of the International Congress of African Studies (African Integration), University of Khartoum, 1991 (secretary).
- Islam in Africa, Friendship Hall, Khartoum, 1992.
14. The 5th Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, University of Nice (France), 1992.
15. Language Situation and Policies in the Sudan (a one-day seminar), Inst. of African and Asian Studies, Uni. of Khartoum, 1993.
16. The International Conference of Arabic Linguistics, The American University in Cairo, Cairo, 1994.
17. Teaching of Arabic in the Faculties of Natural and Applied Sciences, Sudan University for Science and Technology, Khartoum, 1995.
18. Language and Ethnic Identity in the Middle East and North Africa, University of Edinburgh (UK), 1995.
19. Culture arabo-islamique en Afrique de l'Ouest, Institut Marchoux, Tombuctu, 1995 (I could not attend but my paper was presented).

20. The International symposium on Shaikh Usman Dan Foduye, organized by ISESCO and International University of Africa, Khartoum, 1995.
21. The 3rd. Language Conference in the Sudan (Language situation in the Sudan), Inst. of African and Asian Studies, Univ. of Khartoum, Khartoum, 1995.
22. Pastoralism under pressure: Ecological and political change among the Fulbe, African Studies Centre, University of Leiden (The Netherlands), 1996.
23. International Symposium on Islamic Civilization in West Africa, organized by IRCICA & University of Dakar, Dakar, December 1996.
24. The International Conference: Les Societes Pastorale en Afrique Sahelienne, Niamey, November 1997.
25. The Christian Missions and Colonialism in Africa, organized by the International Islamic Da'wa Society & The Islamic University of Africa, Khartoum, September 1998.
26. The National Conference on Geographical Names, organized by the National Committee for Geographical Names in collaboration with Sudan University for Science and Technology, Khartoum, April 1999.
27. The 13th Arkawit Conference: Sudan and the Neighbouring Countries: Factors of Stability and Development, organized by The Faculty of Technological and Developmental Studies, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, February 2000.
28. International Conference on Changing Identifications and Alliances in North-Eastern Africa II, organized by Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany, March 2002.
29. Colloquium on the Writing of African Languages in Arabic Script, Khartoum, 2002.
30. International Symposium on Islamic Civilization in Eastern Africa, organized by the Organization of Islamic Conference and the Islamic University in Uganda, 15th – 17th December 2003.
31. International Conference on the Transformation of Northern Nigeria 1903-2003, organized by Arewa House, Kaduna 27th – 29th March 2003.
32. International Conference on the Sokoto Caliphate and its Legacies, Abuja, 14th – 16th June 2004.
33. Symposium on Arabic and African Cultures' Dialogue, Khartoum, 3rd – 6th January 2005.

34. 7th Biennial Conference on Forensic Linguistics / Language and Law, Cardiff (UK), 1st – 4th July 2005.
35. The Afro-Arab Relations Seminar, Khartoum, 17th December 2005.
36. International Conference on Islamic Civilization in Southern Africa, Johannesburg, Sept. 2006.
37. International Conference on Islam in Africa, Khartoum, 26th-27th November 2006.
38. The first Regional Meeting for the Arab States on Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Abu-Dhabi, April 2007.
39. Conference on “Survey, Inventory Making and Mapping Strategies of Intangible Cultural Heritage”, Juba, June 2007.
40. The 10th Nilo-Saharan Colloquium, Paris, August 2007.
41. The World Congress of African Linguistics, Cologne (Germany), August 2009.
42. Northern Sudan CSOs Roundtable Exploratory Dialogue Forum, Pretoria, South Africa, 25th-28th October 2009.
43. International Sudan Studies Conference (The Future of Sudan to 2011 and Beyond), University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, 25th – 28th November 2009.
44. Workshop on the Ajami Written Traditions in Africa, Timbuktu (Mali), 14th – 15th December 2009.
45. India and Africa: Partnership for Capacity Building and Human Resource Development, an international conference organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in collaboration with the African Studies Association, J. L. Nehru University, New Delhi, 9-10 February 2010.

Courses Taught

(at the University of Frankfurt (Germany), the University of Marburg (Germany), the University of Khartoum, International University of Africa and Khartoum International Institute for Arabic Language)

- Introduction to linguistics.
 - Phonetics and phonology.
 - Hausa language.
 - Fulfulde language.
 - Methods and techniques for the linguistic analysis of African languages.
 - Classification of Sudanese and African languages.
 - The relationship between Arabic and the African languages.
 - The language situation in the Sudan and in Africa in general.
 - The situation of Arabic language in the Sudan.
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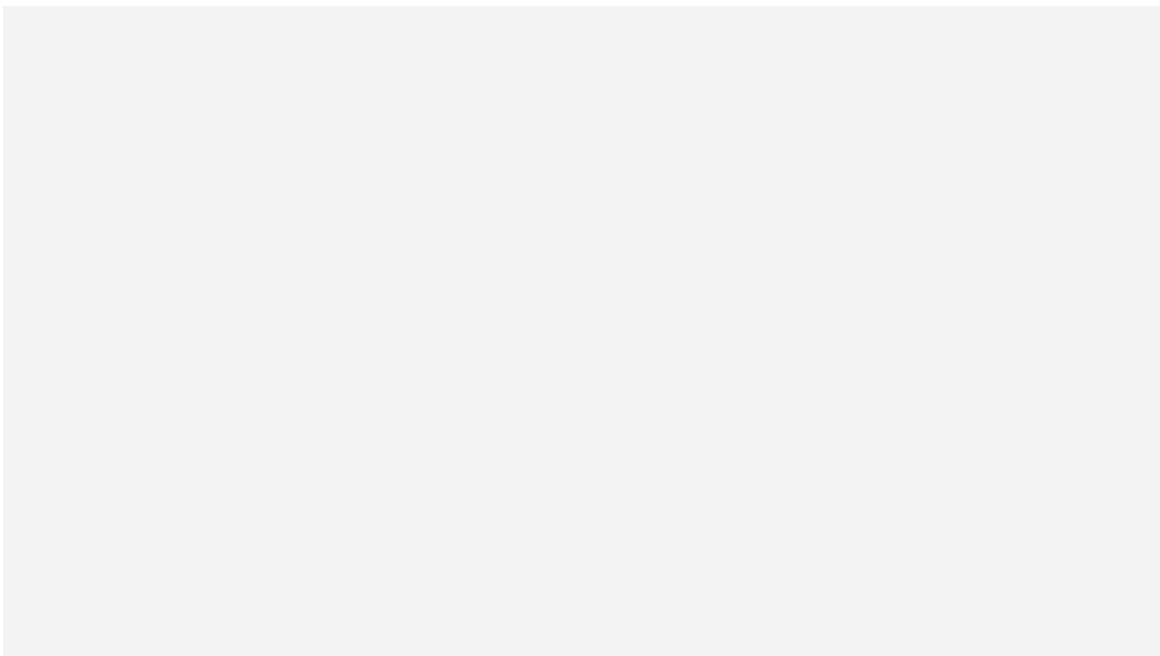
Curricula Development

In 1991/92 I designed a programme for the Postgraduate Diploma in Sudanese and African Languages and revised the existing programme of the M.A. in the above field. Both programmes were approved by the university senate and have been practically offered by the Dept. of Sudanese & African Languages, Inst. of African & Asian Studies since the academic year 1993/94.

This year I undertook the task of up-dating and developing the above programmes in response to the University call for the necessity of doing so. The up-dated versions of these programmes are expected to be implemented starting from this academic year.

In 1996 I contributed (effectively) in designing a 3-year diploma programme of Arabic Language at the former Inst. of Extra-Mural Studies; this programme has been implemented since last year.

Last year I – together with Dr. Mohamed El-Busairi and Prof. Yousif El-Khalifa Abu-Bakr – designed two programmes of African Languages and Linguistics (Postgraduate Diploma and M.A.) for the Centre of Research and Translation, International University of Africa. The two programmes will be offered in this academic year.



Research Activities

- In 1977 I carried out a language survey in Maiurno (on the Blue Nile) for my M.A. dissertation.
- During my 4-year service at Bayero Univ. Kano (Nigerian) (1978-82) as Research Fellow at a centre whose main concern was research, I conducted a number of researches within Northern Nigeria, including a language survey around Sokoto. Three of the publications mentioned above are based on the material collected at that time.
- In 1983 I collected material in the form of speech samples among the Fulfulde and Hausa speakers in the Sudan. The Fulfulde material was for my Ph.D. dissertation and the Hausa (updated) material constituted the basic data of my recently published book Hausa in the Sudan (see above).
- From 1988-91 I was coordinator and co-researcher in the project “Sociolinguistic research among the displaced people in Khartoum”, sponsored by IAAS, Univ. of Khartoum and National Centre for Scientific Research, Univ. of Nice (France). The results were published in C. Miller & A. Abu-Manga (1992): Language Change and National Integration the Sudan. Khartoum, KUP. Now one of my M.A. students is conducting a similar research in the same residential area to examine the sociolinguistic changes which have occurred in the span of 10 years, after the area had been planned and plots had been distributed to the inhabitants.
- In 1989 I undertook a research trip of 45 days to Northern Nigeria during which I collected more than 50 manuscripts, visited sites of historical value and interviewed elderly people on issues relating to the West Africans’ religious migrations to the Sudan. Four of the published papers mentioned above are based on that material.
- In 1992 I carried out a language survey among the Songhai speakers of the Blue Nile: the results were presented to Conf. No. 14 (see above) and published (see Abu-Manga 1995b).
- In 1996 I – jointly with Dr. C. Miller – undertook a 3-week research trip and collected historical and sociolinguistic data among the Sudanese of West African origins (Fulani, Hausa, Kanuri and Songhai) living in the eastern Sudan (Gedarif State). That was within the framework of the ‘Gedarif-Kassala Project’, sponsored by CEDEJ and Khartoum University. A joint

paper (with Dr. Miller) based on the results of that research, titled “The West African communities in Gedaref State“ is already with the editor.

- In 1998 I – jointly with Prof. G. Schlee from the University of Bielefeld (Germany) – undertook a research trip and collected ethnological data from the different ethnic groups living along the western banks of the Blue Nile between Sennar and Damazin. This project is still going on. I am now invited for a 9-month stay (as a visiting Professor) in Germany to work out that data and prepare a joint book (with the above professor) titled „Ethnicity in New Context“ .
 - In 2000 I – jointly with Dr. C. Miller – undertook a 7-day trip to eastern Sudan for collection of historical and sociolinguistic data among the Fallata Mallo in Kassala (and its vicinities), Khashm al-Girba and New Halfa.
 - 2000-2001, visiting professor to Max Planck Institute (Germany) for analysis of the data on the project “Ethnicity in New Context” (6 months)
 - 2001, visiting professor to the University of Aix-en-Provence (France) for analysis of data on Kassala-Gedaref Project (2 months).
 - 2007, visiting professor to Max Planck Institute (Germany) for analysis of the data on the project “Ethnicity in New Context” (2 months).
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Public Lectures

“The intellectual contribution of the Fodio’s family”.

Requested by: The Nigerian Students Association, International Univ. of Africa, delivered at Bashir El Rayyah Library in Omdurman, 1996.

“The relationship between the Nile Nubian and the Hill Nubian Languages”.

Requested by: 1- The Nubian Club, delivered at the club in September 1996.

2- The Sudanese-German Cultural Society (former Goethe Inst.)

delivered at its premises in 1997.

“The language situation in the Sudan”.

Requested by: The Islaah Society, delivered (with Prof. Yusif El Khalifa Abu Bakr and the late Mr. Arop Yor) at their premises in Khartoum 2, 1997.

“The position of Arabic among the African Languages”.

Requested by: The 4th Cultural Festivals, delivered (with Prof. Awn El Sharif Qasim and Prof. Yousif El Khalifa Abu Bakr) at the Theatre of the Fine Arts Faculty, 02.12.1997.

“The language situation of the Sudan: Multiplicity, diversity and intensity”.

Requested by: The Sudan Archeological Society & The National Corporation for Antiquities and Museum, delivered at the National Museum, 14.11.1998.

“The local languages as a source of rich linguistic diversity”.

Requested by: The Seasonal Regional Caravan of the Muslim Youth, delivered at

The premises of Munazzat al-Dacwa al-Islamiyya, 02.08.1999.

“Cultural diversity in the Sudan”

Requested by: The University of El-Neelain Students’ Union, delivered at the University theatre, 5.9.1999.

“The Sudanese-Nigerian relations from a religious and ideological perspective”

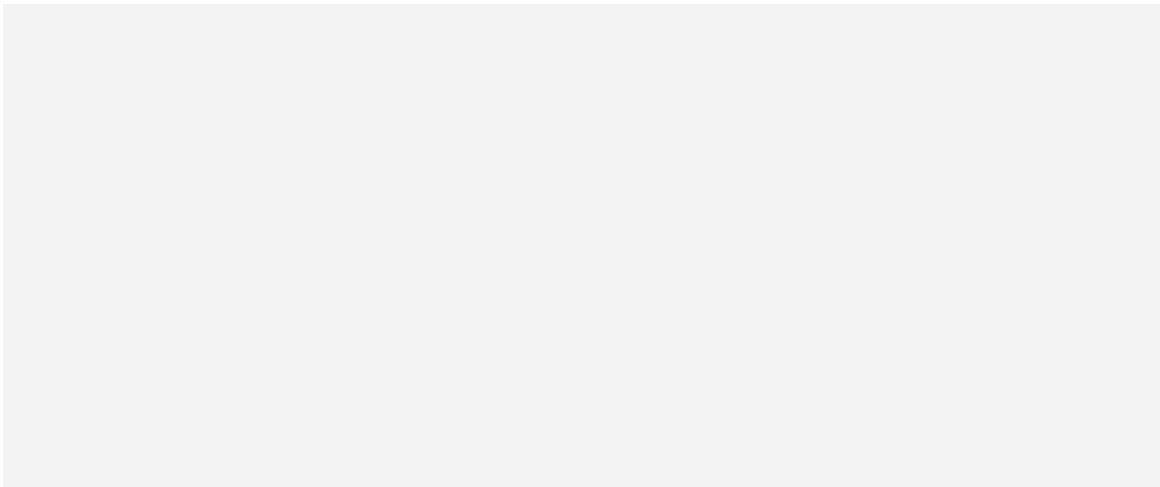
Requested by: A group of visiting members of the judiciary, Katsina State, Nigeria, 25.12.2001.

“Language, Culture and Identity in the Sudan”

Requested by: International University of African, Khartoum. 20.07.2002.

- “Ethnic composition and problem of identity in the Sudan”,

Requested by: General Administration of the Civil Register, Police Club, Khartoum, 29.09.2004.



Membership

While at Bayero University Kano (1978-82), I was the secretary of the Fulfulde Language Board.

President of the Sudanese-Nigerian Friendship Society for 4 years (1992-1996). Now I am the Vice-President of this society. In my former title, I was invited twice to Nigeria to attend the graduation ceremony of the Arabic teachers, graduated by the Inst. of Arabic Teachers Training, founded and funded by Shaikh Ibrahim El Tayeb. Last year I represented the society as member of the delegation which accompanied the Sultan of Mai urno to Nigeria.

Member of the Cultural Committee, the National Committee of UNESCO.

Member of the National Committee for Language Planning, headed by the Federal Minister of Education.

Member of the National Committee for Naming the New States, formed by the Later Vice-President, El Zubair Mohamed Saleh.

Member of the Consultative Council of the periodical Dirasat Ifriqiyya.

Member of University committee for the foundation of Abdalla El Tayeb's Institute of Arabic Language.

Member of National Council of Geographical Names.

Editor of the Periodical "Bulletin of Sudanese Studies" of the Institute of African and Asian Studies, Univ. of Khartoum (since 2002).

Member of the Extended Committee for Naming Khartoum State's Geographical Sites.

Member of the Technical Committee for Naming Khartoum State's Geographical Sites

Mass Media

In 1993 I initiated and introduced the Hausa programme in the National Radio of Omdurman (Sudan); the programme still runs under my supervision (now it temporarily stopped for technical reasons). I used to write a programme of 10 minutes duration to this radio every week.

In the period from 1994-1997 I presented five sessions (of one hour duration each) to the National Radio of Omdurman within the programme of Sahra Thaqaafiyya. This is in addition to numerous short interviews and sessions.

In the period 1995-1998 I presented a number of sessions to the National Sudanese Television, whose duration ranged from 10 minutes (min al-Khartuum Salaam) to two hours live (Mushwaar al-Misaa’).

While in Germany I was the host of the Hausa section of Deutsche Welle (Voice of Germany) twice. In these two occasions I recorded 7 sessions and a short interview. They were all broadcast and captured all over Africa and the Middle East.

In June this year (1999) a journalist from the BBC London (a Hausa speaker) conducted a one-hour interview with me in Hausa. The subject matter of the interview relates to the social, cultural and linguistic changes the West African – particularly Hausa – communities in the Sudan have undergone. Five sessions of 10-minute length each were broadcast from the Hausa Section, whereas a half an hour-session was prepared out of the above material and broadcast in English within the widely popular BBC programme: Africa Perspective.

In 2000 I recorded a one-hour interview by National Sudanese TV on the relationship between the Nubians on the Nile and in the Nuba Mountains.

In January 2002 I was invited by the National Sudanese TV for two-session (45 minutes each) discussion on the relationship between language and culture (the first with Ambassador Agnes Likudu and the second with State Minister for foreign Affairs, Chol Deng).

In 2004 I recorded 3 sessions (2 hours each) for the National Sudanese TV on the origins, history, culture and folklore of the Fulani tribe in Africa (transmitted repeatedly at least 4 times).

In 2005 I recorded 3 sessions (30-45 minutes each) National Sudanese TV on different aspects of language and culture in the Sudan and in Africa in general.

Since 2001 up to date I have been interviewed by the National Radio of Omdurman at least three times every year to talk about different topics on language and culture, as well as the influence of Arabic on African Languages.

I have been for a long time contributing with articles and interviews in the Sudanese daily newspapers on various topics pertaining to language, culture and peace in Sudan and in Africa in general.

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