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Introduction



The **Global Outreach Foundation MK** (GOF MK) was established by Mike Kasibo in 2015 with the aim of supporting the social and cultural integration of all Milton Keynes community members.

This exhibition looks at six aspects of the Global Outreach Foundation MK:

- 1. African Diaspora Day.** This event was launched in August 2017, with the aim of uniting African communities in Milton Keynes and also offering them a platform to showcase their culture to a wider Milton Keynes audience. Its aim is also to support and inspire young people by educating them about their own identity and heritage.
- 2. African Forum** is aimed at bridging the gap between the Police and the African community. The Forum gives the African community a platform to positively engage with the Police.
- 3. Breakfast Club** runs every first Tuesday of the month from Great Linford Parish Council. Its aims are to provide a platform for people to voice issues that affect them, promote one-to-one conversations and offer support to build community cohesion.
- 4. GOF MK Football** is aimed at getting young people off the streets and bringing them together for social and cultural integration. It also helps them to learn anger management skills, team-work, listening, respect and time keeping.
- 5. Black History Month 2017** will focus on the contribution of African People to the British Society. Locally the focus will be on African people within Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas.
- 6. The Languages of Africa.** Not only is Africa the second most populated continent in the world with over one billion people, it is also home to the highest linguistic diversity in the world, with over 1500 different languages.

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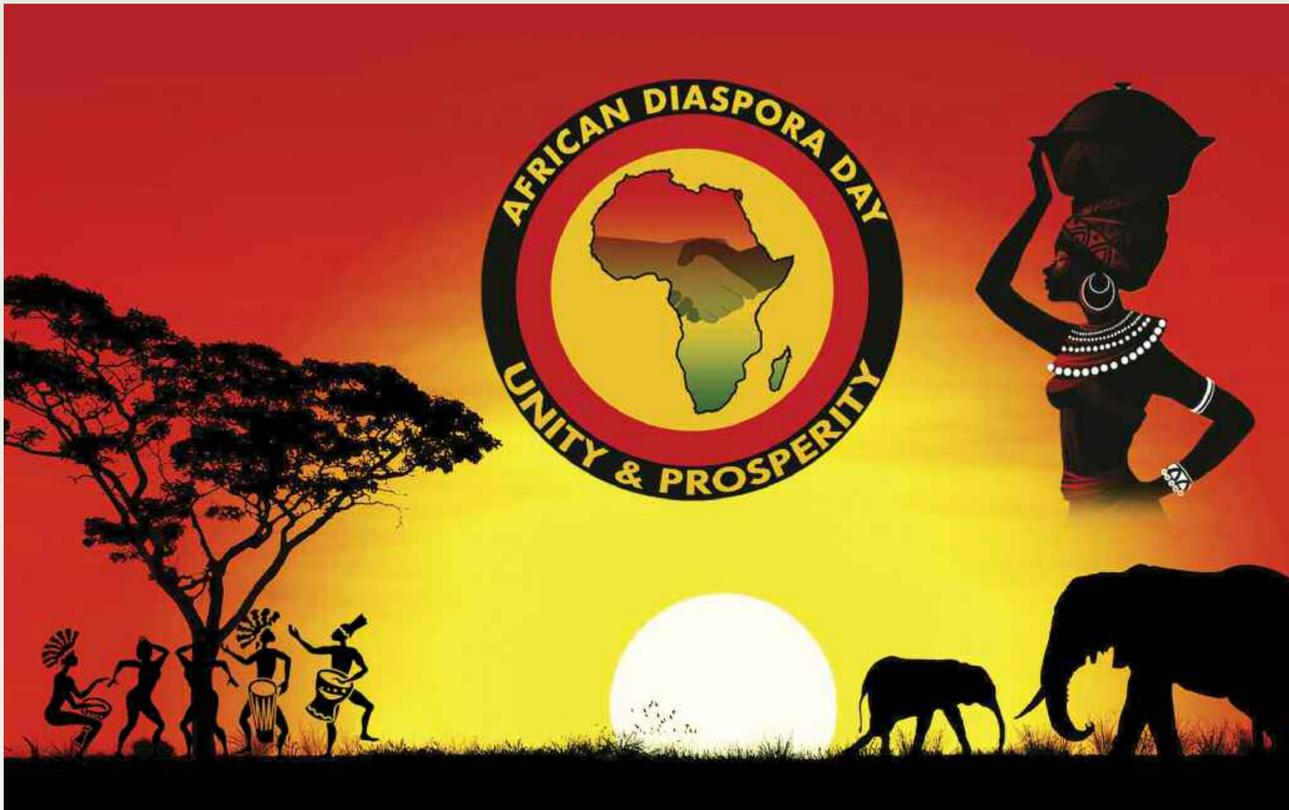


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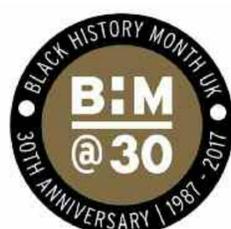
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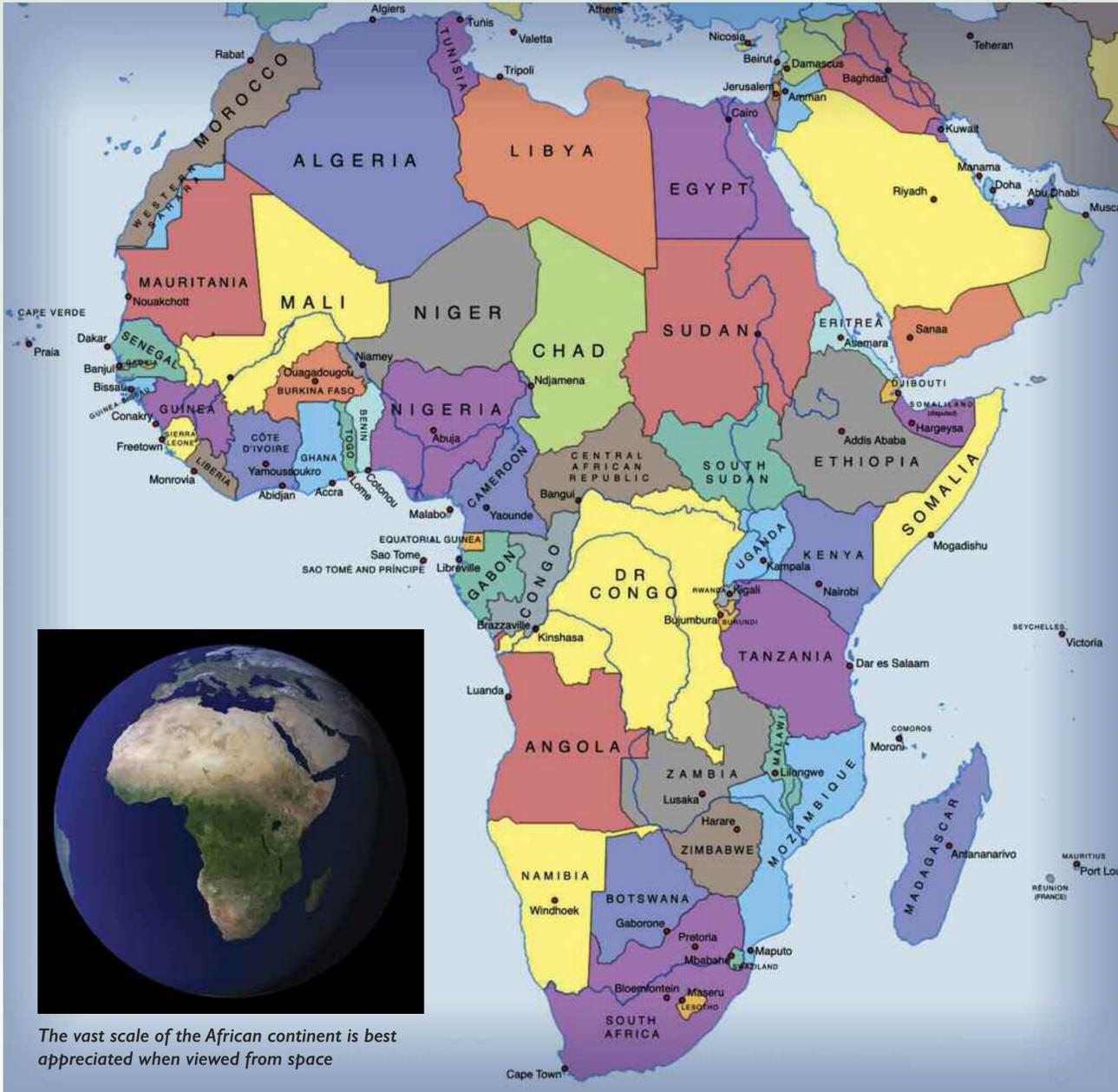


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The vast scale of the African continent is best appreciated when viewed from space



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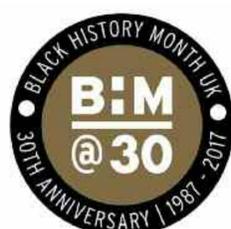


African Forum

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Breakfast Club

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FREE BREAKFAST

Great Linford Food Community

Breakfast Club

Socialise

- Share skills, experiences, culture and knowledge
- Discuss issues affecting our communities
- Be signposted to advice organisations

Regular guest speakers

- Access to support networks
- An opportunity to take action on issues affecting us

EVERYONE AND FAMILIES WELCOME

Tuesday 7th February
9.30am-12pm

Great Linford Parish Council in partnership with Global Outreach Foundation MK

Great Linford Parish Council
Linford house, 1 St Leger Court
Great Linford, MK14 5DY

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The **Breakfast Club** runs every first Tuesday of the month from Great Linford Parish Council in St Leger Court (from 9 am to 12 pm). Its aims are to provide a platform for people to voice issues that affect them, promote one-to-one conversations and offer support to build community cohesion.

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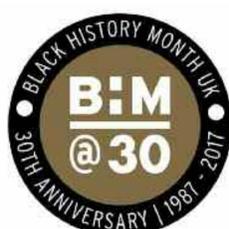
GOF MK Football



GOF MK Football is aimed at getting young people off the streets and bringing them together for social and cultural integration. It also helps them to learn anger management skills, team-work, listening, respect and time keeping. Participating in the club also helps to keep the young people safe and teaches them about anti-social behavior.



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Black History Month



This exhibition is in celebration of **Black History Month**. Originating in the United States, Black History Month is now an important part of the UK's cultural calendar.

Black History Month is designed to recognise history, experiences and accomplishments of black people. In 1976, the President of the United States officially designated February as Black History Month. The annual celebration of achievements by black people is also held in Canada and here in the United Kingdom in October.

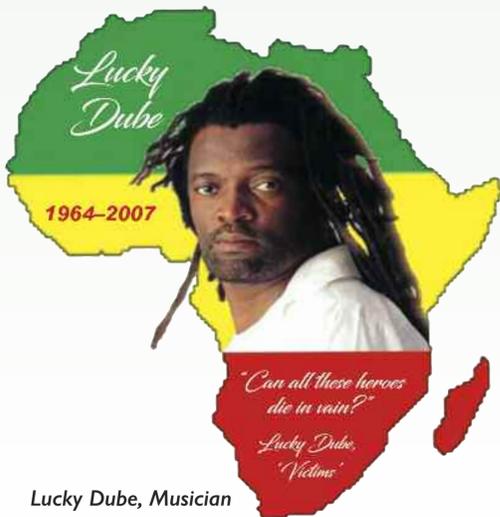
In schools across the US, students learn about what figures such as Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, and many others achieved. In the UK, Black History Month – now in its 30th year – is held in October. The UK version not only recognises the contributions of those from African and Caribbean heritage, but those from Asia too.

Locally our focus will be on African people within Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas. A celebration will take place at Conniburrow Community Centre on 28th October 2017 organised by Global Outreach Foundation MK where African people from the Police, NHS, Education, Music and Politics will be recognised on the day and will give accounts of their journeys with the aim of inspiring young people.



“Black History Month is essential in promoting learning, providing information and contributing to community cohesion. For the past 30 years it has shone, and continues to shine, a beacon of light on the facts about black history, heritage, legacy and the on-going struggles for equality and justice.”

Lord Ouseley



Lucky Dube, Musician



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The Languages of Africa

As we celebrate Black History Month, we are reminded that all of the world's black people originated in Africa.

Here we look at the languages spoken in Africa. The aim is to give people an insight into what 'Africa' is made of, as most people believe that 'Africa is Africa'.

Not only is Africa the second most populated continent in the world with over one billion people, it is also home to the highest linguistic diversity in the world, with over 1500 different languages.

The principle languages on the continent include Arabic, French and English. Arabic was ranked the 5th most spoken language in the world by research group Ethnologue, with over 240 million speakers worldwide. In Africa, there are more than 100 million speakers, with Egypt accounting for more than 54 million. It is also the most widespread official language on the continent, including in Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt.

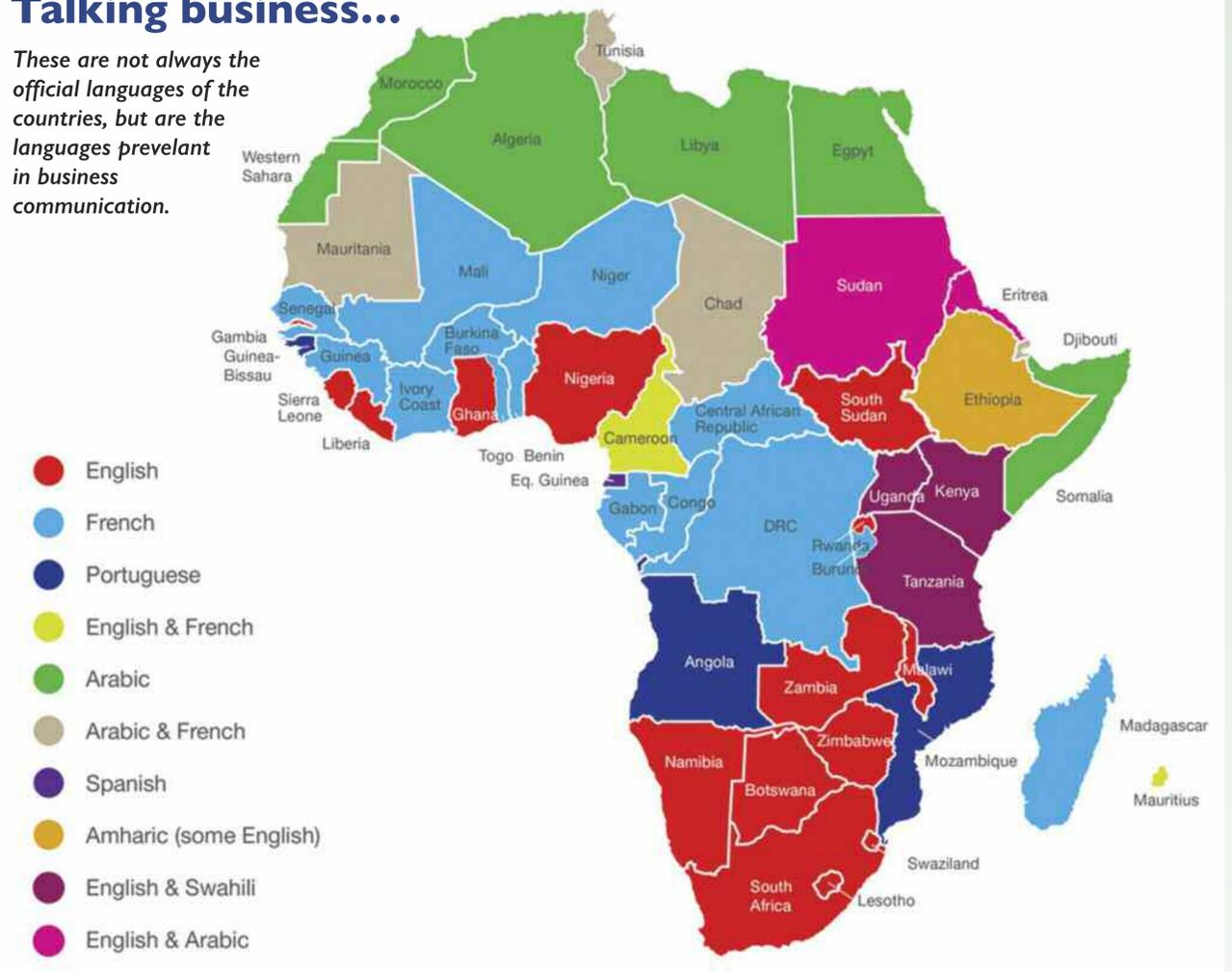
English reached the 3rd spot as the most spoken language in the world, with over 330 million speakers. It is known as the 'lingua franca' of the world, widely used for international business, and is the language of the scientific and medical fields, which use English as a basis for much of the terminology. In Africa, the majority of native English speakers are from South Africa.

African languages form part of four language groups, namely Afro-Asiatic covering Northern Africa, Central Sahara and the Horn of Africa, Nilo-Saharan covering Central and Eastern Africa, Niger-Congo covering Central, Southern and Eastern Africa and Khoisan, covering the western part of Southern Africa.

We feature here the top 10 African languages to know when doing business or enjoying tourist destinations on the continent.

Talking business...

These are not always the official languages of the countries, but are the languages prevalent in business communication.



1. SWAHILI

Swahili is the most commonly spoken language in Africa, with over 100 million speakers. It is a Bantu language believed to have originated from other languages, mainly Arabic, due to historical interactions between Arabs from the Middle East and East Africans. Swahili is Tanzania's official language, as well as the medium of instruction in all schools. It is also Kenya's official language as well as Uganda. Other Swahili speaking nations include Rwanda, Burundi, Southern Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, Northern Mozambique and the Comoros Islands. **To greet in Swahili, one says, "Jambo", or "Habari" when greeting an elder.**

2. AMHARIC

Amharic is the official language of Ethiopia and is the second most commonly spoken language after Oromo, with over 21 million speakers. It is the second most spoken Semitic language in the world after Arabic, and is also the language of over 2 million Ethiopians living outside of the country. The Semitic languages are a branch of the Afroasiatic language family originating from the Middle East. Amharic, along with Arabic, Hebrew and Tigrinya, are the most spoken Semitic languages in the world by way of native speakers. It is written in the Ge'ez or Ethiopic script, with over 30 different characters. **To say hello in Amharic, one says, "Salam".**



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3. YORUBA

Yoruba is one of West Africa's most spoken languages, accounting for over 30 million speakers in Nigeria, Benin and Togo, and it is one of Nigeria's official languages. It is also widely spoken by West African expats in the US and UK. It is the mother tongue of the Yoruba people in Nigeria, and has over fifteen dialects including Awori, Ijesha, Ilaje and Ila. It is a tonal language with three tones: high, mid and low, and forms part of the Volta-Niger branch of the Niger-Congo family of languages. **To say hello in Yoruba, one says "Bawo".**

4 OROMO

Oromo is spoken by over 30 million people in the Horn of Africa, particularly in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Egypt. The Oromo people account for more than 40% of the Ethiopian population, and are the largest ethnic group in the country. The writing of the language was forbidden between 1974 and 1991 under the Mengistu regime, even though limited usage of the Ge'ez script was allowed. After 1991, the language adopted the Latin alphabet. It falls under the Cushitic branch of the Afroasiatic language family. **To say hello in Oromo, one says "Akkam".**

5. HAUSA

Hausa is one of Nigeria's official languages, and one of the most spoken Chadic languages on the continent, with over 40 million native and second language speakers. It originated as the language of the Hausa people in northern Nigeria and southern Niger, and soon spread as the lingua franca of western Africa due to trade. It is spoken mainly in northern Nigeria, Niger, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, CAR, Chad, Congo, Eritrea, Germany, Ghana, Sudan, Togo and much of North Africa. It uses the Boko and Latin alphabet as its writing system, and is also the basic language for most Muslim populations in western Africa. **To say hello in Hausa, one says "Sannu".**

6. IGBO

One of Nigeria's official languages, Igbo is spoken by over 20 million people, with a significant amount of speakers in Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea. The language has more than 20 dialects, with Central Igbo being the most prevalent. The language was made prominent by author Chinua Achebe, who wrote the popular book 'Things Fall Apart' and wrote most of his books in Igbo, mirroring and popularizing Igbo culture. It falls under the Volta-Niger branch of the Niger-Congo family of languages. **To say hello in Igbo, one says "Nnoo".**

7. ZULU

IsiZulu, or Zulu, is one of South Africa's official language, and has over 10 million speakers. It is a member of the Bantu/Nguni family of languages, and is spoken mainly in eastern South Africa. It is the second most widely spoken Bantu language, after Shona, and is written using the Latin alphabet. It is characterized by unique click sounds within the dialect as a result of influence from the Khoisan language. **To say hello in Zulu, one says "Sawubona".**

8. SHONA

Shona is the most spoken language in Zimbabwe, with over 10 million speakers in a population of over 14 million. It is Bantu language from the Bantu/Nguni family of languages, and has speakers in Botswana and Mozambique. It is the principle language of Zimbabwe, along with Ndebele and English. **To say hello in Shona, one says "Mhoro".**

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10. ARABIC

Arabic is the most commonly spoken language in Northern part of Africa, with over 80 million speakers. Countries include; Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, as well as Libya, Sudan and Egypt.

Other widely spoken languages of Africa include Berber, which is a popular dialect in North Africa, specifically in Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Mali and Egypt, with approximately 20 million speakers; Somali, which is a Cushitic language spoken in Djibouti, Ethiopia and Kenya by approximately 20 million speakers; Fulani, which is widely spoken in western and Central Africa by approximately 18 million speakers; Rundi from Burundi which is spoken by over 10 million people; Kinyarwanda in Rwanda which is spoken by over 10 million speakers and Tigrinya, which has over 6 million speakers in Central Eritrea and Sudan. Chichewa is popular in Malawi with over 6 million speakers, and Spanish is also spoken in Equatorial Guinea by over 600,000 people.



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