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Languages in South Africa – The Case of Africaans

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Abstract

South Africa is in a turmoil on so many levels. One of these levels is the use of the various South African languages. Despite constitutional obligations towards the promotion and development of languages and various promises in this regard not a lot has happened since 1994. One of the problematic cases is Afrikaans. What has happened to this language since 1994? But also: what has happened to the other SA languages since 1994? I will give a short overview of the current language situation in SA and then make some remarks about the situation regarding Afrikaans and its future - or not.