

## **REPORT ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2024, AT CHINA CULTURAL CENTRE WUSE 5 ABUJA.**

The Federal Ministry of Art, Culture, Tourism and Creative Economy in commemorated of the 2024 edition of UNESCO International Mother Language Day in Nigeria, which was held at China Cultural Centre Wuse Zone 5 Abuja. The event drew participants from various Ministries, Parastatal, Organizations, Diplomatic Corps and the Press, etc. He enumerated the importance of multilingualism in education and society.



### **2. PAPER PRESENTATION**

- This was followed immediately by the Guest Speaker Mr. R.F. Wilcox Former Director (Culture) expressed great pleasure for been invited as Guest Speaker at the event, speaking on the theme: "Empowering through Multilingual Education: A Global Commitment to Linguistic Diversity."

- He enumerated the importance of multilingualism in education and society.

Such as:

- Empowerment and protection of language heritage of the minority tribe from going into extinction

- It bridges a balance between teaching of mother language and other core

subject so that mother tongue won't be neglected

It enhances the ability of a child to comprehend multiply languages earlier

- and easier than his contemporaries.

- It guarantees career prospect as it increases the value of the employee

- thereby making him highly employable, etc.

He also talked on Advantages and Danger of Global Linguistics Diversity,

such as:

- Promotion of trades and businesses through interaction and global

citizenship opportunities as well as unlocking global understanding by

bridging gaps between cultures.

- It has created a scenario where few languages dominated others.

He sighted

that the languages recognized by the United Nation which are used as

official languages are English and French.

3. Recommendation:

I recommend that all the suggestions made for the promotion and preservation of our indigenous languages so that they will not go into extinction should be carried out.