

***“Promotion of sign language research by the African Deaf community:
The cases in West and Central French-speaking Africa”***

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[Part 1] *General situation of sign language and research* (Kamei Nobutaka)

- Short history of sign language research 1997-2015
- History of CMD and Andrew Foster
- Diffusion of ASL and its creolization
- Definition of LSAF
- Editing dictionary in Cameroon 2007-2008
- Research training with the Deaf community in Côte d'Ivoire since 2009
- Short summary of Part 1

[Part 2] *Promoting Deaf communities' linguistic rights in West Africa: What role for Deaf persons in Sign Language research field?* (Sanogo Yédê Adama)

- Importance of sign language research in West and Central French-speaking Africa
- Research training in Côte d'Ivoire (2009–2011)
- On the research field
 - Collection of signs and publications of sign language lexicons***
 - Sign language dictionary in Côte d'Ivoire: "Écoute mes mains" (2011–2012)
 - Sign language manuals in BF, Niger and Togo: "EFTP sign language manuals" (2013-14)
 - Collection of signs and publication of sign language teaching tool***
 - Sign language bilingual learning manual in Côte d'Ivoire (2013-14)
 - Starting description of LSAF-CI***
 - Identification of handshapes
- Key roles of Deaf communities in promoting sign language research in Africa
- Short summary of Part 2

[Conclusion] *Future perspectives and issues* (Sanogo Yédê Adama and Kamei Nobutaka)

- Ideas for the Research Institute, training course and LSAF International Conference
- Towards autonomous and united research collaborations among Deaf Africans

Questions and comments with the audience