
Figure 7.1. Index to languages used by international organizations *Edition 47, 2010/2011*

The tables on language use by international organizations have always been, and are now, based on the descriptions in Volume 1 of this Yearbook series including the paragraph 'Languages', specifying the use, whether officially or informally, of a given language or languages.

Since the 40th edition an effort has been made to identify individual languages more clearly and to group them in families in order to present a more comprehensive picture of language use by international organizations.

In the past some organizations were excluded from the tables on language use because the sequence of computer programmes used to produce these tables was not able to detect specific languages in their descriptions. This was due sometimes to alternate spellings or mis-spellings in the various descriptions (e.g. Inupiak may have been detected and Inupiaq not) and sometimes to the use of a non-specific term (e.g. 'several African languages'). Also in the past no link was made between languages. If one organization specified the use of Croatian and another the use of Serbo-Croatian, each was counted separately and no reference was given from one to the other.

The editors have attempted to remedy these omissions firstly by improving the detection of potential mis-spellings, and secondly by building a hierarchical structure of languages which includes alternate spellings. The results so far can be seen in the index on the next pages. Note that, although over 1000 languages have been included in the hierarchical structure, only those languages mentioned in the description of at least one organization are included here, along with the language families to which they belong, in order to avoid an unnecessary degree of complexity.

If the spelling of a language has common variants, then generally one variant is chosen as the standard for the purposes of these tables and all other spellings refer to that one. For example, the tables list only 'Bosnia', but 'Bosnian' is also recognized and counted and then included with 'Bosnia' (see below "Bosnian see Bosnia").

If the reference to a language in an organization's description is non-specific, the term used can in every case nonetheless be found in the tables. For example, if the organization's description says 'several African languages', it is counted with the language family 'African', along with an organization specifying, for example, 'Yoruba' (Yoruba → Bantu → Niger-Congo → African). The main difference is that the latter organization is also counted under 'Yoruba', 'Bantu', 'Niger-Congo' and 'African' while the former is counted only under 'African'.

A special case is the language group 'European' which is included not because it is considered a language family as such, but because some organizations say only that they use 'European languages' without specifying which languages they consider 'European'. So as not to be obliged to exclude these organizations from these tables, and *for the purposes of these tables only*, the editors have decided that 'European' means the official languages of the European Union. (Therefore, in this edition 'European' includes Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Slovakian, Slovenian, Spanish, and Swedish.) 'European' is not itself included with the language family 'Indo-European' but every language that is included with 'European' is also included, in its own right, with 'Indo-European'.

If a language is related to another language, if it is a member of a language family, then the link is made and the language family is also included in these tables. For example, 'Croatian' points to 'Serbo-Croatian' (see below "Croatian *included with* Serbo-Croatian"), which points to the language family 'South Slavic', which points in turn to the language family 'Slavic' and then to the language family 'Indo-European'. The family tree (of this relationship only) can be drawn thus:

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Indo-European
⇒ Albanian
⇒ Armenian
⇒ Baltic
⇒ Celtic
⇒ Germanic
⇒ Greek
⇒ Indo-Iranian
⇒ Romance
⇒ Slavic
    ⇒ Slavonic
    ⇒ South Slavic
        ⇒ Bulgarian
        ⇒ Macedonian
        ⇒ Serbo-Croatian
            ⇒ Bosnia (or Bosnian)
            ⇒ Croatian
            ⇒ Serbian
        ⇒ Slovenian
    ⇒ West Slavic
    ⇒ East Slavic
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It should be noted that in these tables the figures for any given language or language family are cumulative only to a certain extent. For example, the figures for 'Croatian' include only organizations which list 'Croatian' specifically, but the figures for 'Serbo-Croatian' include organizations listing 'Croatian', 'Bosnia' and 'Bosnian', 'Serbian' and also 'Serbo-Croatian' as such. The figures for 'Serbo-Croatian' are therefore not merely the total of the figures for 'Croatian', 'Bosnia' and 'Bosnian' and 'Serbian'.

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<i>African includes</i> Niger-Congo	<i>Dravidian includes</i> Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu	<i>Iranian includes</i> Persian / <i>included with</i> Indo-Iranian
<i>Afrikaans included with</i> West Germanic	<i>Dutch includes</i> Flemish / <i>included with</i> West Germanic and with European	<i>Irish included with</i> Celtic and with European
<i>Afro-Asiatic includes</i> Chadic, Semitic	<i>East Slavic includes</i> Russian, Ukrainian, Belorussian / <i>included with</i> Slavic	<i>Irish Gaelic see</i> Irish
<i>Akan includes</i> Twi / <i>included with</i> Kwa	<i>English included with</i> West Germanic and with European	<i>Isolate includes</i> Basque
<i>Albanian included with</i> Indo-European	<i>Eskimo-Aleut includes</i> Inuktitut, Inupiaq, Yup'ik / <i>included with</i> Native American	<i>Italian included with</i> Romance and with European
<i>Altaic includes</i> Korean, Japanese, Mongolian, Turkic / <i>included with</i> Ural-Altaic	<i>Esperanto includes</i> Internacia Lingvo / <i>included with</i> Constructed languages	<i>Japanese included with</i> Altaic
<i>Amharic included with</i> Semitic	<i>Estonian included with</i> Uralic and with European	<i>Kadai includes</i> Tai / <i>included with</i> Sino-Tibetan
<i>Arabic included with</i> Semitic	<i>European includes</i> Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Slovakian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish	<i>Kalaallisut included with</i> Inuktitut
<i>Armenian included with</i> Indo-European	<i>Faeroese included with</i> North Germanic	<i>Kannada included with</i> Dravidian
<i>Austroasiatic includes</i> Mon-Khmer, Hmong-Hmoob	<i>Faroese see</i> Faeroese	<i>Khmer includes</i> Cambodian / <i>included with</i> Mon-Khmer
<i>Austronesian includes</i> Bahasa Indonesia, Bahasa Malaysia, Polynesian, Tagalog, Tetun	<i>Farsi included with</i> Persian	<i>Kikongo includes</i> Lingala / <i>included with</i> Bantu
<i>Aymara included with</i> Uto-Aztec	<i>Fijian included with</i> Polynesian	<i>Kiswahili included with</i> Bantu
<i>Bahasa Indonesia includes</i> Indonesian / <i>included with</i> Austronesian	<i>Filipino included with</i> Tagalog	<i>Korean included with</i> Altaic
<i>Bahasa Malaysia includes</i> Malay / <i>included with</i> Austronesian	<i>Finnish included with</i> Uralic and with European	<i>Kwa includes</i> Akan / <i>included with</i> Niger-Congo
<i>Baltic includes</i> Latvian, Lithuanian / <i>included with</i> Indo-European	<i>Finno-Ugric includes</i> Saami / <i>included with</i> Uralic	<i>Laotian included with</i> Tai
<i>Bangla included with</i> Indo-Aryan	<i>Flemish included with</i> Dutch	<i>Latin included with</i> Romance
<i>Bantu includes</i> Kikongo, Kiswahili, Nyanja, Sesotho, Swahili, Tsonga, Tswana, Xhosa, Zulu / <i>included with</i> Niger-Congo	<i>French included with</i> Romance and with European	<i>Latvian included with</i> Baltic and with European
<i>Basque included with</i> Isolate	<i>Gaelic included with</i> Celtic	<i>Lekhitic includes</i> Polish / <i>included with</i> West Slavic
<i>Belarus see</i> Belorussian	<i>German included with</i> West Germanic and with European	<i>Lingala included with</i> Kikongo
<i>Belarusian see</i> Belorussian	<i>Germanic includes</i> North Germanic, West Germanic / <i>included with</i> Indo-European	<i>Lithuanian included with</i> Baltic and with European
<i>Belorussian included with</i> East Slavic	<i>Greek included with</i> Indo-European and with European	<i>Luxemburgisch included with</i> West Germanic
<i>Bemba included with</i> Pidgin-Swahili based	<i>Greenlandic included with</i> Inuktitut	<i>Macedonian included with</i> South Slavic
<i>Bengali included with</i> Indo-Aryan	<i>Guarani included with</i> Tupi-Guarani	<i>Malay included with</i> Bahasa Malaysia
<i>Bohemian included with</i> West Slavic	<i>Gujarati included with</i> Indo-Aryan	<i>Malayalam included with</i> Dravidian
<i>Bosnia included with</i> Serbo-Croatian	<i>Hausa included with</i> Chadic	<i>Maltese included with</i> Semitic and with European
<i>Bosnia see</i> Bosnia	<i>Hebrew included with</i> Semitic	<i>Mandarin Chinese included with</i> Chinese
<i>Brazilian included with</i> Portuguese	<i>Hindi includes</i> Urdu, Western Hindi / <i>included with</i> Indo-Aryan	<i>Manx included with</i> Celtic
<i>Breton included with</i> Celtic	<i>Hindustani included with</i> Western Hindi	<i>Marathi included with</i> Indo-Aryan
<i>Bulgarian included with</i> South Slavic	<i>Hmong-Hmoob included with</i> Austroasiatic	<i>Melanesian Pidgin included with</i> Pidgin-Motu based
<i>Burmese included with</i> Myanmar	<i>Hungarian included with</i> Uralic and with European	<i>Min includes</i> Min-Nan / <i>included with</i> Chinese
<i>Byelorussian see</i> Belorussian	<i>Icelandic included with</i> North Germanic	<i>Min-Nan includes</i> Minnan / <i>included with</i> Min
<i>Cambodian included with</i> Khmer	<i>Indo-Aryan includes</i> Bangla, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Nepalese, Romany, Sanskrit / <i>included with</i> Indo-Iranian	<i>Minnan includes</i> Taiwanese / <i>included with</i> Min-Nan
<i>Cantonese included with</i> Chinese	<i>Indo-European includes</i> Albanian, Armenian, Baltic, Celtic, Germanic, Greek, Indo-Iranian, Romance, Slavic	<i>Mon-Khmer includes</i> Khmer, Vietnamese / <i>included with</i> Austroasiatic
<i>Catalan included with</i> Romance	<i>Indo-Iranian includes</i> Indo-Aryan, Iranian / <i>included with</i> Indo-European	<i>Mongolian included with</i> Altaic
<i>Cebuano included with</i> Visayan	<i>Indonesian included with</i> Bahasa Indonesia	<i>Myanmar includes</i> Burmese / <i>included with</i> Sino-Tibetan
<i>Celtic includes</i> Breton, Cornish, Gaelic, Irish, Manx, Welsh / <i>included with</i> Indo-European	<i>Interlingua included with</i> Constructed languages	<i>Nahuatl included with</i> Uto-Aztec
<i>Chadic includes</i> Hausa / <i>included with</i> Afro-Asiatic	<i>Interlingue included with</i> Constructed languages	<i>Native American includes</i> Eskimo-Aleut, Uto-Aztec
<i>Chinese includes</i> Cantonese, Mandarin Chinese, Min / <i>included with</i> Sino-Tibetan	<i>Internacia Lingvo included with</i> Esperanto	<i>Nepalese included with</i> Indo-Aryan
<i>Common Turkic includes</i> Southern Turkic, Uzbek / <i>included with</i> Turkic	<i>Inuktitut includes</i> Kalaallisut / <i>included with</i> Eskimo-Aleut	<i>Nepali see</i> Nepalese
<i>Constructed languages includes</i> Esperanto, Interlingua, Interlingue	<i>Inupiak see</i> Inupiaq	<i>Niger-Congo includes</i> Bantu, Kwa, Yoruba / <i>included with</i> African
<i>Cornish included with</i> Celtic	<i>Inupiaq included with</i> Eskimo-Aleut	<i>Nordic included with</i> Scandinavian/Nordic
<i>Creole includes</i> Creole-English based, Creole-Iberian based		<i>North Germanic includes</i> Danish, Faeroese, Icelandic, Norwegian, Scandinavian/Nordic, Swedish / <i>included with</i> Germanic
<i>Creole-English based includes</i> Tok Pisin / <i>included with</i> Creole		<i>Norwegian included with</i> North Germanic
<i>Creole-Iberian based includes</i> Papiamentu / <i>included with</i> Creole		<i>Nyanja included with</i> Bantu
<i>Croatian included with</i> Serbo-Croatian		<i>Occitan included with</i> Romance
<i>Czech included with</i> West Slavic and with European		<i>Papiamentu included with</i> Creole-Iberian based
<i>Dani included with</i> Trans-New Guinea		<i>Persian includes</i> Farsi / <i>included with</i> Iranian
<i>Danish included with</i> North Germanic and with European		<i>Pidgin includes</i> Pidgin-Motu based, Pidgin-Swahili based
		<i>Pidgin-Motu based includes</i> Melanesian Pidgin / <i>included with</i> Pidgin

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Pidgin-Swahili based <i>includes</i> Bemba / <i>included with</i> Pidgin	Slavic <i>includes</i> Slavonic, South Slavic, West Slavic, East Slavic / <i>included with</i> Indo- European	Tok Pisin <i>included with</i> Creole-English based
Pilipino <i>included with</i> Tagalog	Slavonic <i>included with</i> Slavic	Trans-New Guinea <i>includes</i> Dani
Polish <i>included with</i> Lekhitic and with European	Slovak <i>included with</i> Slovakian	Tsonga <i>included with</i> Bantu
Polynesian <i>includes</i> Fijian, Samoan / <i>included with</i> Austronesian	Slovakian <i>includes</i> Slovak / <i>included with</i> West Slavic and with European	Tswana <i>includes</i> Setswana / <i>included with</i> Bantu
Portuguese <i>includes</i> Brazilian / <i>included with</i> Romance and with European	Slovene <i>see</i> Slovenian	Tupi <i>includes</i> Tupi-Guarani
Quechua	Slovenian <i>included with</i> South Slavic and with European	Tupi-Guarani <i>includes</i> Guarani / <i>included with</i> Tupi
Romance <i>includes</i> Catalan, French, Italian, Latin, Occitan, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish / <i>included with</i> Indo-European	Sotho <i>included with</i> Sesotho	Turkic <i>includes</i> Common Turkic / <i>included with</i> Altaic
Romanian <i>included with</i> Romance	South Slavic <i>includes</i> Slovenian, Serbo- Croatian, Bulgarian, Macedonian / <i>included with</i> Slavic	Turkish <i>included with</i> Southern Turkic
Romany <i>included with</i> Indo-Aryan	Southern Sotho <i>included with</i> Sesotho	Twí <i>included with</i> Akan
Russian <i>included with</i> East Slavic	Southern Turkic <i>includes</i> Turkish / <i>included with</i> Common Turkic	Ukrainian <i>included with</i> East Slavic
Saami <i>included with</i> Finno-Ugric	Spanish <i>included with</i> Romance and with European	Ural-Altaic <i>includes</i> Altaic, Uralic
Sami <i>see</i> Saami	Swahili <i>included with</i> Bantu	Uralic <i>includes</i> Finnish, Hungarian, Estonian, Finno-Ugric / <i>included with</i> Ural-Altaic
Samoan <i>included with</i> Polynesian	Swedish <i>included with</i> North Germanic and with European	Urdu <i>included with</i> Hindi
Sanskrit <i>included with</i> Indo-Aryan	Tagalog <i>includes</i> Filipino, Pilipino, Visayan / <i>included with</i> Austronesian	Uto-Aztec <i>includes</i> Aymara, Nahuatl / <i>included with</i> Native American
Scandinavian <i>included with</i> Scandinavian/Nordic	Tai <i>includes</i> Thai, Laotian / <i>included with</i> Kadai	Uzbek <i>included with</i> Common Turkic
Scandinavian/Nordic <i>includes</i> Nordic, Scandinavian / <i>included with</i> North Germanic	Taiwanese <i>included with</i> Minnan	Vietnamese <i>included with</i> Mon-Khmer
Semitic <i>includes</i> Amharic, Arabic, Hebrew, Maltese, Tigrigna / <i>included with</i> Afro- Asiatic	Tamil <i>included with</i> Dravidian	Visayan <i>includes</i> Cebuano / <i>included with</i> Tagalog
Serbian <i>included with</i> Serbo-Croatian	Telugu <i>includes</i> Telungu / <i>included with</i> Dravidian	Welsh <i>included with</i> Celtic
Serbo-Croatian <i>includes</i> Bosnia, Croatian, Serbian / <i>included with</i> South Slavic	Telungu <i>included with</i> Telugu	West Germanic <i>includes</i> Afrikaans, Dutch, English, German, Luxemburgisch, Yiddish / <i>included with</i> Germanic
Sesotho <i>includes</i> Southern Sotho / <i>included with</i> Bantu	Tetun <i>included with</i> Austronesian	West Slavic <i>includes</i> Bohemian, Czech, Slovakian, Lekhitic / <i>included with</i> Slavic
Setswana <i>included with</i> Tswana	Thai <i>included with</i> Tai	Western Hindi <i>includes</i> Hindustani / <i>included with</i> Hindi
Sino-Tibetan <i>includes</i> Chinese, Kadai, Myanmar, Tibetan	Tibetan <i>included with</i> Sino-Tibetan	Xhosa <i>included with</i> Bantu
	Tigrigna <i>includes</i> Tigrinya, Tigrino / <i>included with</i> Semitic	Yiddish <i>included with</i> West Germanic
	Tigrino <i>included with</i> Tigrigna	Yoruba <i>included with</i> Niger-Congo
	Tigrinya <i>included with</i> Tigrigna	Yup'ik <i>included with</i> Eskimo-Aleut
		Zulu <i>included with</i> Bantu