

!Xun Language Advocacy Group Mandate - ||Katciyolo

This document confirms that a local conference workshop was held 8-9 April 2025 in Platfontein. During this workshop it was established that a local !Xun Language Advocacy Group is needed to assist and partner with funders, linguists and researchers with the *aim of documenting, maintaining and preserving !Xun for future use*, most especially for educational purposes.

It is agreed that !Xun is an endangered language with less than 20 000 speakers globally and in South Africa the numbers are less than half of this. Platfontein has the largest number of !Xun speakers in South Africa and therefore as local residents and activists, we would like Platfontein to be the central focus for language support in South Africa.

To facilitate this process we have created a local !Xun Language Advocacy Group to assist with centralising correspondence and feedback from local !Xun speakers to those interested in supporting our mother tongue. We have local representatives who report to our local Community Property Association (CPA), the Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB), the South African San Council as well as the Department of Basic Education when needed.

Our local !Xun Language Advocacy Group consists of the following members:

	!Xun name	Affiliation	Role
1.	Martha Mangumbu	!Xun Technical Team & PanSALB Representative	Chairperson
2.	Kordino Samba	Community Property Association (CPA) Representative, translator for the Department of Justice, Kulimatci Representative (local !Xun NGO)	Vice Chairperson
3.	Ria Reen	!Xun Technical Team & PanSALB Representative	Secretary
4.	Arnesto Kabihola	!Xun Technical Team & PanSALB Representative	Member
5.	Hantie Guys	!Xun Technical Team	Member
6.	Fransina Sinangu	!Xun Technical Team	Member
7.	Anastaisia Andre	!Xun Technical Team	Member
8.	Felicia Andre	!Xun Technical Team	Member
9.	Dominga Namiseb	!Xun Technical Team	Member
10.	Betty Kasiki	!Xun Technical Team	Member
11.	Isabela Ponde	!Xun Technical Team	Member
12.	Keedens Tame	!Xun Technical Team	Member
13.	Vasco Serneo	!Xun Technical Team	Member
14.	Beneditu Kavanda	!Xun Technical Team	Member

15.	Barnita Ndala	!Xun Technical Team	Member
16.	Diana Kasenga	!Xun Technical Team	Member
17.	Nicodemus Sabao	CPA Representative and Representative from the !Xun Traditional House	Member
18.	Simon Hasjenda	XK-fm SABC Radio Representative	Member
19.	Jakob Makai	San Community Development (local !Xun NGO)	Member
20.	Lofina Moyo	!Xun interpreter for the Department of Justice and !Xun ECD and Grade R teacher	Member
21.	Venicia Mangumbu	!Xun ECD teacher	Member
22.	Netiema Tombo	Representative from the !Xun Traditional House	Member

We appreciate any financial, institutional or private collaboration to support our mother tongue.

For further information please contact

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