

we are investigating the possibility to use OMBI in establishing an efficient, high-quality, yet economically justified infrastructure for the African languages in South-Africa, where recently instead of two official languages (English and Afrikaans), eleven languages have been given the status of 'official language'. The fact that OMBI links at meaning level and calculates the possibility or impossibility of equivalents, makes it very suitable to function within what we have called elsewhere the 'hub-and-spoke' model, connecting (spoke) languages not directly but via a hub (see Martin, 1995a and Martin & Mashamaite, forthcoming).

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