African linguistics in Spain & Spanish-speaking countries

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Despite the pioneer interest in African Languages (XVIIth century), actually African linguistics is not yet incorporated to Spanish and Spanish-speaking countries higher education curricula and research centers which is due in part to the absence of specialists. This situation has a negative incidence on afro-hispanics linguistics or study of African influence in Spanish (i.e.africanisms). However, since 1984 one Spanish institution is giving elementary courses on some African languages and some similar initiatives are taking place in Hispanic America and Spanish-speaking Africa.