

Preface to the proceedings of RAIL 2022

The Third workshop on Resources for African Indigenous Languages (RAIL) was held (in person) on 30 November 2022 in Potchefstroom. It was organized by the South African Centre for Digital Language Resources (SADiLaR), and was co-located with the 10th Southern African Microlinguistics Workshop, which took place from 1 to 3 December 2022.

The RAIL workshop series aims to bring together researchers who are interested in showcasing their research and thereby boosting the field of African indigenous languages. This provides an overview of the current state-of-the-art and emphasizes availability of African indigenous language resources, including both data and tools. Additionally, it allows for information sharing among researchers interested in African indigenous languages and also starts discussions on improving the quality and availability of the resources. Many African indigenous languages currently have no or very limited resources available and, additionally, they are often structurally quite different from more well-resourced languages, requiring the development and use of specialized techniques. By bringing together researchers from different fields (e.g., (computational) linguistics, sociolinguistics, language technology) to discuss the development of language resources for African indigenous languages, we hope to boost research in this field.

The RAIL workshop is an interdisciplinary platform for researchers working on resources (data collections, tools, etc.) specifically targeted towards African indigenous languages. It aims to create the conditions for the emergence of a scientific community of practice that focuses on data, as well as tools, specifically designed for or applied to indigenous languages found in Africa.

At the third edition of the RAIL workshop, we received eighteen high quality submissions, which were all reviewed by three reviewers. The reviewing process was double blind. Finally, fourteen sub-

missions were accepted. Note that the aim was to get as many people together to share their ideas and research results, while attaining a high quality event. This led to a workshop, which consisted of a full day of presentations. This publication adheres to DHET's 60% rule, authors in the proceedings come from a wide range of institutions. In total, the audience could listen to fourteen presentations. Each presentation consisted of 25 minutes (including time for discussion). In fact, after all presentations many interesting discussions took place.

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