The name 'Kiswahili' comes from the plural sawāḥil (سواحل) of the Arabic word sāḥil (ساحل), meaning "boundary" or "coast".

Bantu language with borrowed words from Arabic, German, Portuguese and English.

A type of language where the grammar arranges nouns according to classes (such as people, tools, animals).

Spoken by over 50 million people in sub-Saharan regions.

**HOW TO PROCEED?**
- Find the right news sources and integrate them in the system
- Update the category definitions-Boolean operators with optional proximity operator and wild cards (countries, EMM themes...)
- Update the entity recognition resources (common first names, professions...)
- Adopting the EMM user interface to Swahili

**MOTIVATION**
- Collaboration with African Union
- Collaboration with Pan African Parliament
- To extend EMM to more languages

**CHALLENGES**
- Some news sources are not in text format (html/rss)
- Scarcity of news sources
- Language features (noun classes, no affixes on proper names, affixes on verbs)
- Variation of Swahili from one country to another (dialects)

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**SWAHILI spoken in:**
- BURUNDI
- CONGO
- KENYA
- MOZAMBIQUE
- RWANDA
- SOMALIA
- TANZANIA

**Official language in:**
- KENYA
- TANZANIA
- UGANDA

**COMBINATION**
- huduma+muhimu
- misaada
- maliwazo
- matatizo
dharua
- tatizo+la+chakula