

# Spoken Language Technology for Development

*Observations, obstacles, opportunities*

## Call for Papers

It has long been believed that spoken language technology will have a significant impact in the developing world, where illiteracy is often a severe issue and computer access is limited. Although recent years have seen some progress towards this goal, the usage of SLT in the developing world is still negligible compared to its significant uptake in the developed world.

In this special session of [SLT 08](#) in Goa, India, we intend to explore factors related to SLT in the developing world. Papers are invited on topics relevant to this theme, including (but not limited to):

- Experiences with SLT deployments in the developing world
- Research aimed the development and improvement of such systems (including speech technology for resource-scarce languages)
- Analyses and opinions related to the use of SLT in the developing world.

Papers should be prepared in the format prescribed for SLT08 (see <http://www.slt2008.org/papers/PaperKit.html>) and be e-mailed to the program committee at the address given below.

## Important Dates

Submission of full papers: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Notification of acceptance and reviewers' feedback: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Camera-ready paper submission: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008

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