



Global English-Language Tsunami

According to THE WORLD POST, French is drowning in a global tsunami of English usage in commerce, science, education -- and even at the multilingual United Nations! Without fluent English, journalists can't understand press conferences, diplomats can't negotiate resolutions and officials in the field can't file reports.

If you don't speak and especially write English fluently you will not be hired in an international organization or you won't be able to prosper in it. At a session at the Consulate General of France in New York, Stephane Dujarric, director of the U.N.'s News and Media Division, said: "So my simple answer is: LEARN ENGLISH!"

- At a U.N. General Assembly session, only 22 of 193 speakers gave speeches wholly in French.
- The English-language U.N. news site received 470,000 page views in 2013, the French 44,000.
- The U.N. twitter accounts in English had 1.5 million; French had 10,000 followers.
- It is rare to see an internal U.N. memo written in French or even a cable coming from a peacekeeping mission.
- In Geneva, the European headquarters of the United Nations, **it is no longer necessary to speak French to work for the world body** as was the case a decade ago.
- The French language is also losing ground in Brussels, where the European Union of 27 nations now does most of its business in English.

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