

## **Abstract**

East Africa has seen a dynamic growth in the last decades. This fact is, among other factors, manifested by the ever increasing role of intercultural communication, especially interpreting. Kenya, formerly known as the British East Africa, receives a substantial volume of international investments and resources for development projects. The country's economic and social development rank among the highest in the region. This entails an increasing demand for interpreting services. This Master's thesis examines the role of interpreting for communication in Kenya and local education opportunities for interpreters. It describes main areas demanding interpreting and analyses the interpreting market in Kenya or else in the region of East Africa. The thesis also focuses on community interpreting, interpreters' roles and specific phenomena affecting this kind of communication within East Africa's conditions. The research is based on papers published on the subject up till now, local written sources and interviews with Kenyan academics, professional interpreters and other subjects that participate in the local market.