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The Swahili language spoken on the East African coast is not a single linguistic entity, but has a wide range of varieties and variations. This talk presents a part of its complex substance and background, based on linguistic and non-linguistic observations of the so-called rural dialects of Zanzibar.

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On the wall of a house, "You are awaited" is painted in the local language. (Photographed by Makoto Furumoto, 23 August 2022, Tumbatu Gomani, Zanzibar).