



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Repurposing language resources for multilingual websites

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Context

- International organization with >190 member countries
- Global mandate on agriculture, food standards, animal diseases, genetic resources, forestry, fisheries.
- 5 regional offices, 13 sub-regional offices, 67 country offices.
- Languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian.



WWW.FAO.ORG

The screenshot shows the FAO website homepage with a navigation menu on the left and a main content area. The main banner reads "WHAT CAN BE DONE? Ending Hunger". Below the banner, there is a news section titled "Better landscape management needed to prevent forest fires" with a photo of a person in a field. To the right, there is a "HORN OF AFRICA EMERGENCY" alert. Below the news, there is a "More news" section with links to "FAO Food Price Index almost unchanged" and "Global Soil Partnership for Food Security launched at FAO". On the right, there is a "FAO Food Price Index" chart showing data from 2002 to 2010. At the bottom, there are four small featured articles: "Estimating hunger's reach Round table", "FAO in Brazil Video", "HUNGER. NOW YOU KNOW. Animation", and "Greening agriculture Video".



Our users

ranking	English name of Language	language code	percentage
1	English	en	53.2%
2	Spanish	es	15.2%
3	French	fr	13.0%
4	German	de	3.8%
5	Italian	it	2.6%
6	Russian	ru	1.6%
7	Chinese	zh	1.4%
8	Dutch	nl	1.2%
9	Japanese	ja	1.2%
10	Portuguese	pt	1.2%
11	Turkish	tr	0.8%
12	Arabic	ar	0.5%



Our content

- Governing bodies' documents
- Normative documentation (standards)
- News and campaigns
- Technical information
- Internal communication

Need to make it available in all languages

Our budget -- <\$



Our content

- Governing bodies' documents → HT
- Normative documentation (standards) → HT
- News and campaigns → HT.... MT?
- Technical information → HT.... MT?
- Internal communication → HTMT?



Testing MT – Our project

Re-use of **legacy** translations for non-translated content

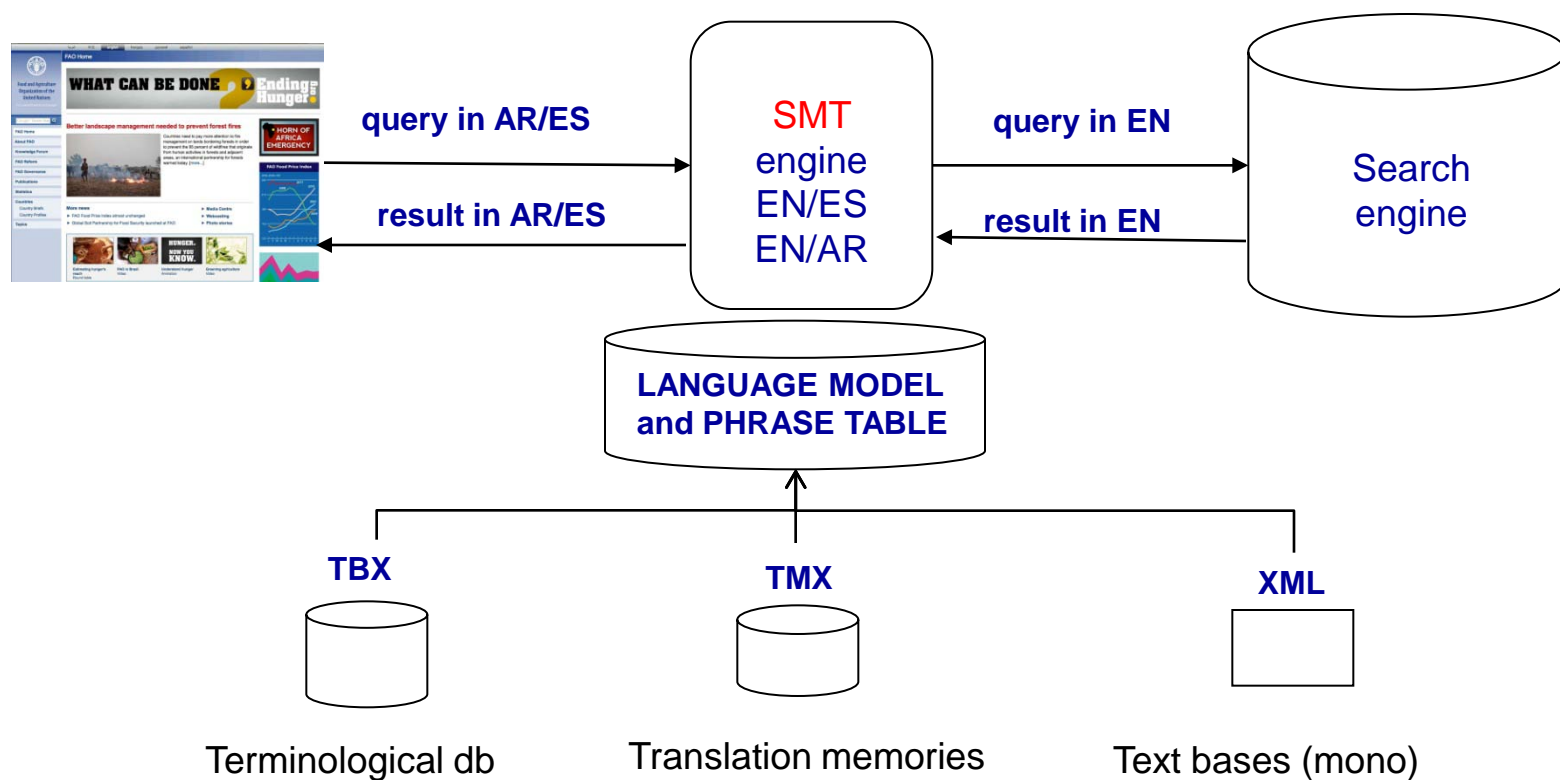
Integration **TM – MT** (doc – web ?)

Improve accessibility to the website in other languages

A tool for HT processes?

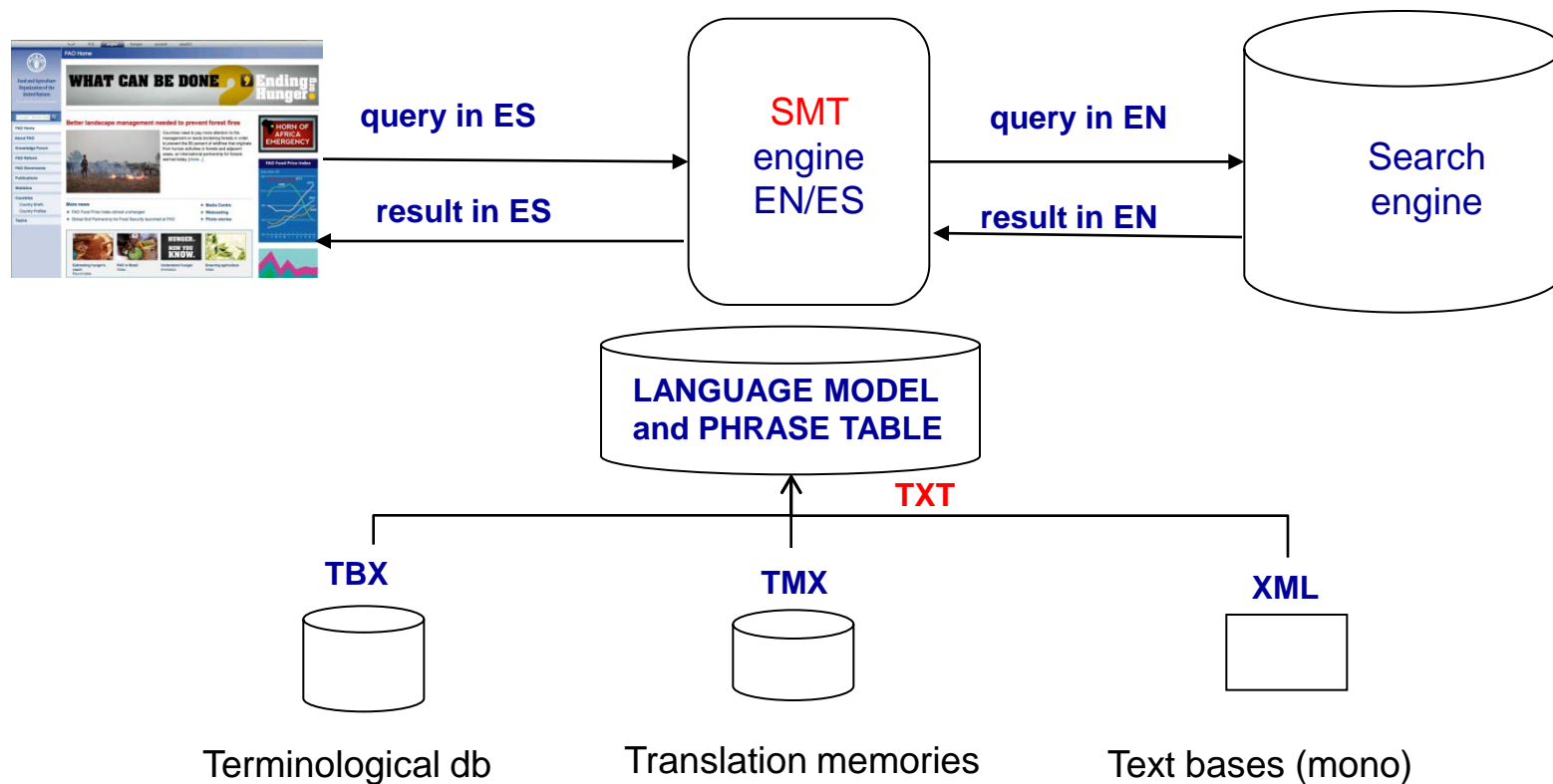


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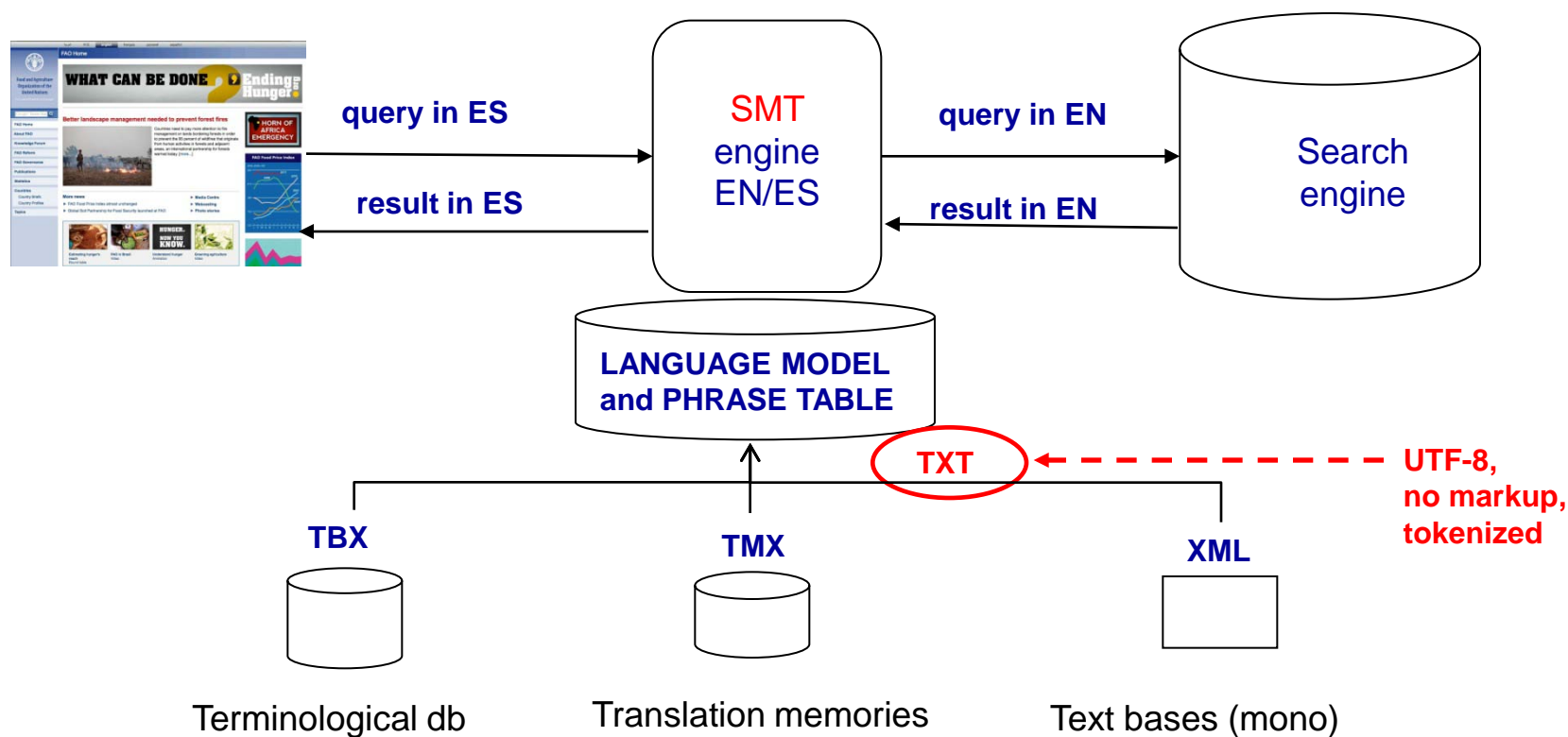




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Needs/opportunities (1)

Documentation: technical documentation is not summarized and it is complex (except moses-for-mere-mortals)

Best practices: a network of practitioners exist in the UN system, however, no documented best practices are available.



Needs/opportunities (2)

Standards: each part of the process and language resource has its own standard (TBX, TMX, XLIFF) but...

Interoperability: it is difficult to make them work together

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MultilinguaWeb-LT initiative provides a good opportunity



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