

African Politics and Policy: Culture

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Cultural Policy/Gov. Conferences, Festivals

- Mauritius, “arts and culture is a pillar of the new Mauritian economy”, and “the country aims to become a cultural capital of the world”
- Ethiopia, “to create an institution to support and promote the arts” in order “to provide a beneficial stimulus to economic growth and development”
- Ethiopia, policy of inclusion, exhibition of the artworks of disadvantaged people
- Rwanda, “culture and military training”
- Rwanda, policy of inclusion, Kigali Arts Festival, rural crafts
- Angola, “valuing local art and culture is important”
- Gambia, annual i/n cultural festival “Utilising knowledge as enshrined in our diverse cultures for development”
- Zimbabwe, annual National Arts Merit Awards ceremony
- Nigeria, Entertainment Conference, “Entertainment Industry as ‘Last Hope’ for Africa’s Largest Economy”

Public Art Projects / Art Communities

- Rwanda, “Kurema, Kureba, Kwiga” (To create, To see, To learn) <http://haiafrika.com/interview-judith-kaine-kurema-kureba-kwiga/>
- Botswana, “the Kuru Art Project”, <http://www.kuruart.com/index.php>
- Zimbabwe, Tengenenge Art Community, “open air gallery”, village of sculptors, <http://www.tengenenge-tomblomefield.com/village/village.html>

Promotion

- Zimbabwe, the National Gallery, the Green Shots exhibition
- Zimbabwe, TV show *Zimbabwe Greatest Talent* for talented sculptures, painters, magicians, painters, potteries and designers

List of art centers, galleries, museums, theatres

- Zimbabwe, Chitungwiza Arts Centre
- Zimbabwe, *Love Zimbabwe Charity* (<http://lovezimbabwe.org/>)
- Zimbabwe, Theatre in Park
- Kenya, Cheche gallery
- Uganda, Kamwookya district of Kampala city, The Acacia Art Gallery
- Uganda, Kamwokya, AfriArt gallery
- Gambia, Janjanbureh village, Museum of traditional masquerade costume Kankurang
- Gambia, Gunjur Village Museum
- Tanzania, Nyinchoka village, the Ikoma Cultural Center
- Rwanda, Kimihurura, near Amaris Hotel, The Yego Art Gallery

Cultural Tourism (Villages)

- Uganda, Kigaragara village
- Tanzania, Nyinchoka village

Trainings/workshops/seminars/masterclasses

- Zimbabwe, Chitungwiza Arts Centre, sculpture
- Zimbabwe, “Train the Trainer Workshop”, film
- Rwanda, “*Kigali vibrates with Poetry*”, poetry
- Malawi, Imagine Africa 500, futuristic short story writing
- ! South Africa, educational program for cultural agents

Festivals

- Ethiopia, Timket, to commemorate the baptism of Christ
- Angola, Luanda Carnival

Books, Literature

- Gambia, on history
- London, “West African Literature and Thought in French: Translating Cultures” conference
- Algeria, “Les Phares d’Algérie” (Lighthouses of Algeria)
- Malawi, Imagine Africa 500, anthology based on the workshop

Music

- Zimbabwe, Mbira Music Nights, to revive traditional Mbira music (Jan, 15)
- Kenya, nyatiti music, Auyb Ogada
- Kenya, Ongea! 2016 – the Eastern Africa Music Summit

Theatre

- Ethiopia, theatre as a cultural diplomat (Jan, 15)
- Uganda, musical, *Pearl in Africa*
- Nigeria, musical, *Cacadu*

Exhibitions

- ! Mauritius, “The Edge of the World”: sculpture and painting, video and photography exhibition; May, 19-29, 2016
- Kenya, “Recall and Reflect: The Kenya National Theater Across Time”
- Kenya, “Who I Am, Who We Are”, national identity
- Zimbabwe, “Taibva”, the idea of “ripeness” and “We are coming from”
- Zimbabwe, Kabbo ka Muwala, problem of migration
- Uganda, AfriArt gallery in Kamwokya, “Perception or Reality”, Ronex Ahimbisibwe
- Tanzania, *Voting Matters*.
- Namibia, painter, illustrator Nambowa Malue’s exhibition
- Namibia, “Women of Namibia”, photographic exhibition, Dominic Stosser
- Marseille, “Made in Algeria, genealogy of a territory”
- London/Nigeria, “The role of arts in the fight for environmental justice in West Africa and beyond”

Cultural Heritage, UNESCO

- Angola, Namibe Province – “Ancient Fund for African Black Settlement”
- Angola, rock paintings, <http://africanrockart.org/tara-african-rock-art-photo-gallery/angola/>
- Eritrea, Asmara, UNESCO, the unique architectural heritage
- Tanzania, EU support, Heritage preservation in Zanzibar, the preservation of Christ Church Cathedral

Challenges and Problems

- Lack of infrastructure, Botswana
- Crisis of creative economy, Ethiopia