

A vibrant outdoor market scene in an African village. In the foreground, several women are seated on the ground, surrounded by numerous large, dark brown clay pots and smaller vessels. They appear to be engaged in pottery-making or selling. The middle ground is filled with people walking and shopping. A woman in a pink skirt is prominent in the center. To the right, a man carries a large bundle on his head. The background shows simple wooden and corrugated metal structures, some with colorful fabrics hanging from them. The overall atmosphere is one of active commerce and daily life.

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Cultural News



- South Africa: cultural tax incentive, a Venture Capital Fund, presented
- Liberia: UNESCO application documents should be revised
- Angola: strengthening cultural relations with Cuba
- Angola: participated at the Fair on Friendly Cultures of Mexico
- Angola: cultural development of Malanje province was discussed
- Angola: “Resquícos Dourados” project for children and youth from disadvantaged families in Viana municipality.
- Cameroon: new appointments in the ministry of culture
- Tanzania: the country’s private sector should invest more in the cultural development of the country
- Tanzania: negotiating with Germany on getting training programs for specialists in historical and cultural preservation of the lizards’ fossils
- Tanzania: 8000 students suspended from the University of Dodoma
- Tanzania: plan for cultural development for plan for Ruvuma region was discussed
- Zimbabwe: The National Gallery of Zimbabwe has announced a registration for the portfolio review exercise for visual artists, curators, art writers and gallerists
- Nigeria: more art history classes needed
- Kenya: preparations to the Madakara Day have started

Conferences, Workshops

- London: the 3rd annual conference “Africa Together: Engendering and Inclusive Africa”
- London: “Writing the South African City” colloquium.
- Nigeria: the 24th International Conference on African Literature and English Language
- Nigeria: the 8th series of lectures “Linguistic Universal: French and Yoruba Languages as Linguistic Twin Sisters”
- Nigeria: “Voices from the Camp: Literature and Arts for Reintegration of IDPs”, art competition for the internally displaced children
- South Africa: the colloquium on “Media and the African Story”
- South Africa: “The Heart of African Narratives: SA Literature in the 21st Century” conference
- South Africa: Youth Dialogue on arts, social cohesion and socio-economic participation
- South Africa: “My Country – My Africa! – Celebrating Our National Symbols”, schools competition
- South Africa: a conference on Politics, Culture and New African
- Zimbabwe: set of trainings to develop marketing strategies organized by Chitungwiza Arts Centre
- Zimbabwe: the National Gallery has launched Saturday art classes
- Kenya: the 7th International Conference “Towards zero new HIV infections, zero deaths, zero stigma and zero discrimination”
- Liberia: “Promoting Arts and Culture in Liberia through the Media” lecture by Kenneth Best
- Angola: the World Environment Conference
- Rwanda: Youth Empowerment and Mentorship Program

Books, Literature

- London: the 5th edition of *Africa Writes*, the Royal African Society's annual literature festival
- Tanzania: the 25th anniversary of Children's Book Project
- Angola: the 1st book fair by the Institute of Educational Sciences in Lubango, Southern Huila Province
- Angola: 144 books granted by the National Museum of Archaeology to two primary schools in Benguela city
- Nigeria: more than 100.000 high-quality e-book titles, 27.100 full text journals, 18.430 indexed and abstracted journals now available for Nigerian Universities
- Zimbabwe: Alliance Francaise in Harare, "Unfettered" poet performance by Charity Hutete and Batsirai Chigama
- Kenya: new book procurement system will be soon presented
- South Africa: the Nkuri community (Nkuri village, Giyani) got a Modular library
- Cameroon: Yaounde International Book Fair

Exhibitions

- Zimbabwe: the National Gallery in Bulawayo, “Memorialisation”, the 2nd Zimbabwe Independence Annual exhibition
- Zimbabwe: the Tropical Gallery (Sam Levy Village in Borrowdale), a solo exhibition “The Influencers” by Paul Mandlenkosi Makaya
- Zimbabwe: Village Unhu (Chisipite, Harare) “Creative Marathon” by young artist Munyaradzi Alois Marozva
- Namibia: Franco-Namibian Cultural Centre, the photography exhibition “Naked Space” by Nude Art photographer and performance artist Julia Hango
- Eritrea: an exhibition telling the story of the disabled veterans organized by the National Association of Eritrean War Disabled Veteran Fighters
- Eritrea: an exhibition on the role of Eritrean women in the state’s nation-building organized by National Union of Eritrean Women
- Kenya: Nairobi Railways Museum, an exhibition “Of Ships Passing in the Night”
- Rwanda: join exhibition of Rwandan artists “Live Painting”
- Rwanda: an exhibition on Korean traditional culture by Youngsook
- Rwanda: a joint visual art exhibition “Human Emotions”
- Angola: the Memorial Dr António Agostinho Neto in Luanda, the exhibition “África Yetu – Ngassakidil” by Álvaro Macieira
- Uganda: the Sheraton Kampala Hotel, “Jewels of the Jungle”, joint exhibition of photographs by Barbara Holloway and paintings by Taga Nuwagaba”
- Nigeria: the 2nd edition of PhotoJunction
- Nigeria: “Down the Rabbit Hole” photo-exhibition of Oluwamuyiwa “Logor” Adeyemi

Tourism



- Tanzania: from 2014 to 2015 the number of tourists dropped from 1,140,156 to 1,102,619
- Togo: O'Lodge hotel
- Nigeria: 10 must-visit places
 - Sukur Cultural Landscape, Madagali, Adamawa State
 - Oke Idanre Cultural Landscape, Idanre, Ondo State
 - Osun-Oshogbo Sacred Groove, Osun State
 - Ogbunike Cave, Oyi, Anambra State
 - Kano City Wall And Associated Sites, Kano State
 - Oban Hills And Associated Cultural Landscape, Akampka, Cross River State
 - Ogba Ukwu Cave And Waterfalls, Anambra State
 - Erin Ijesha Waterfalls, Oriade, Osun State
 - Ikogosi Warm Spring, Ekiti State
 - Obudu Mountain Resort, Cross River State

Museums, Environment Preservation

- International Museum Day!
- UNESCO Ngorongoro Declaration
- Angola: UNESCO listed Fenda da Tundavala, or the Tundaval Crack, into World Heritage List
- Angola: new ethnographic museum soon be opened in the Northern Malanje Province
- Angola: “Current management of museums in Angola” lecture by Ziva Domingos
- Mauritius: a plaque marking the inscription of the Indenture Immigration Records presented
- Nigeria: the Nok Terracotta sculptures now at home
- Nigeria: new museum in Benin-City will be built
- Tanzania: the dinosaur fossils, discovered in 1912 in Lindi region, will stay in the Humboldt Museum, Berlin
- Kenya: Trust for African Rock Art (TARA) decided to organize educational one-day rock art tours for people interested in African rock art.

Theatre, Music

- Angola: Twana Teatro presented a play “Clandestinos no Paraiso”
- Zimbabwe: Theatre in Park put on stage “Half-Empty – Half-Full”, “A 100 Miles”, “Tension”



Festivals



- Zimbabwe: The Harare International Festival of the Arts
- Zimbabwe (Mashonaland Central Province): Bindura Art Festival under the theme “Helping Children Reach their Potential by Ending Child Marriages and Eliminating new HIV Infections”
- Zimbabwe: the 5th edition of the Wild Geese Arts Festival
- Zimbabwe: “Culture Week: Towards Increased Community Participation”
- Zimbabwe: two-day Gokwe annual Buntibe Cultural Festival under the theme “Towards increased community participation”
- Nigeria: the International Festival of Language and Culture under the theme “Colours of the World”
- Liberia (Cuttington University, Suakoko, Bong County): the Art and Culture Festival “Promoting Diversity, Tolerance and Peaceful Co-existence through Culture”
- Botswana: National Culture Day under the theme “Proud and United Nation”
- Botswana: the Sebirwa Traditional Music Regional Presidential competition
- Cameroon: “Kribi Fest’Art”, the 1st International Contemporary Arts and Design Festival
- Eritrea: the Silver Jubilee Independence Day under the slogan “Quarter Century of Resilience and Development”
- South Africa: the annual Mzansi International Culinary Festival
- Angola: the 1st edition of the Sumbe Music Festival
- Uganda: the 10th LaBa! Arts Festival.
- Rwanda: Remera Cultural Festival

Interesting Videos

- Tribal War Dance of Liberia:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oASrRix4qTc>



Opportunities



- The African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS): a call for papers for its 2nd annual conference “Exploring the Boundaries of Black Intellectual History”
- British Council: “Shakespeare shorts” for filmmakers