



African Politics and Policy: Culture

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Cultural News

- Algeria: President's call "to make culture a vector of innovation and creation instead of considering it as consumption product"
- Angola: celebrating the International Day of Monuments and Sites - Government's promise to rehabilitate the Cambambe Fortress in Dondo City, and the importance of the Regional Dundo Museum highlighted
- Angola: celebrating the World Dance Day
- Botswana: Badiramongo Traditional Group from Make region discusses the negative role of modernization for traditional culture
- Sudan: student protest and demonstrations
- Sudan: *Al-Genaina, Capital of Sudanese Culture*, new project by the State Ministry of Culture
- Tanzania: decided to update its cultural policy
- Tanzania: Makonde art under restriction
- Zimbabwe: new Talent Village established in Mabvuku
- Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe Achievers Award held under the theme "Celebrating Women in Media and Arts"
- China has launched a major plan to promote higher education in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Conferences, Workshops

- London: the 5th African Popular Cultures Workshop: (Re)Viewing the Visual
- 11 West African counties: conference on rosewood illegal trade
- Zimbabwe: *Holiday Art Camp* in the National Gallery of Z.
- Zimbabwe: “Arise and Show Your Talent” workshop for Tongogara Refugee Camp, org. by the National Gallery of Z.
- Malawi: the 3rd Africa Cabinet Secretaries Roundtable Workshop
- Nigeria: the National Summit on Culture and Tourism
- Nigeria: Osun State chief John Agboola Odeyemi’s annual lecture
- Cameroon: “The Book Problem in Cameroon” conference on book publishing policy
- Rwanda: International Symposium on Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Public Health Care
- South Africa: “Thinking Ahead” seminar to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the African World Heritage Fund
- Tanzania: Laigwanans (Maasai elders) discuss the question of religion

Books, Literature

- Namibia: new program of Omaheke regional library
- Botswana: *The History of BNF* (Elmond Tafa); *The Experience of Vietnam on the Multi-Organizational United Front* (Koma); and *The Beginners Guide to Palestine/Israel Conflict* (Phenyo Butale)
- Botswana: Setswana Poetry Award Ceremony (org. by Motlhaolosa Poetry Ensemble and Limkokwing University)
- Botswana: the African Library Project workshop
- Ethiopia: *One Thousand One Questions* by Tadesse Bekeke

Exhibitions

- Senegal: the 12th Dak'Art, Biennale de l'Art Africain Contemporain
- London: «Fashion Cities Africa», contemporary African Fashion Exhibition
- New York: 6 must-visit exhibitions on African art
- Uganda: “Kabbo Ka Muwala”(The Girl's Basket), Makerere University Art Gallery
- Nigeria: “Argungun 2”, by Nigerian painter Moses Eboigbodin Oghagbon at the Moorhouse (Ikoyi, Lagos)
- Nigeria: “COLOUR.ISM” by Enigma Art Collective
- Ethiopia: the Omani Products Exhibition (OPEX) 2016
- Namibia: “Where is Your HeART” by Chantal Kambrude and Sam Matenga, the Franco-Namibian Cultural Centre
- Ivory Coast: Lumières d'Afriques, or Illuminated Africa, org. by African Artists for Development and African Development Bank
- Zimbabwe: “What about us”, Gallery Delta Foundation for Art and the Humanities in Harare

Tourism

- Botswana: cultural festivals matter for developing tourism
- Best parks in Africa according to World Travel Awards
 - * the Maasai Mara Game Reserve (Kenya),
 - * Central Kalahari Game Reserve (Botswana),
 - * Etosha National Park (Namibia),
 - * Kidepo Valley National Park (Uganda),
 - * Kruger National Park (South Africa),
 - * Serengeti National Park (Tanzania)

Museums, Environment Preservation

- Mauritius: Intercontinental Slavery Museum will soon be opened in Port Louis
- Kenya: two new rock art sites discovered
- South Africa: 22 monuments to celebrate post-apartheid history
- Seychelles: bleaching of the corals near Mahe and Praslin islands

Theatre, Music

- Nigeria: Aproko Musical Theatre event organized by AUN
- Nigeria: Tranströmer Meets Soyinka: Evening of Poetry Theatre event, play “What The Hunter Saw”
- Nigeria: New Horizons-New Worlds” folklore and neo-classic music concert
- Zimbabwe: “The Taking”, at Theatre In Park
- Namibia: the 38th annual theatre festival of Committed Artists of Namibia

Festivals

- Uganda: Short Film Festival
- South Africa: Spier Dancing In Other Words Poetry Festival
- South Africa: May as month of Africa “Building a Better Africa and a Better World: for Peace and Friendship
- USA, Memphis: “Africa-In-April” Cultural Awareness Festival this year featured Tanzania
- Nigeria: the 1st Nigerian Drums Festival
- Nigeria: the Satchmo’s Jazz and Culture Festival, Lagos
- Nigeria: the Puus Kaat Festival hold by the Mangu people
- Tunisia: Sfax, Capital of Arab Culture 2016
- Ethiopia: “Including Persons with Disability in Art as Part of Development” the Culture and Art Festival
- Namibia: the 14th edition of the Tsumeb Copper Festival
- Namibia: the Olufuko festival of Aawambo people
- Tanzania: the week of Chinese Movies org. by the Chinese Confucius Institute at the University of Dodoma
- Cameroon: the 5th edition of Mbog Liaa Festival of Ngog Lituba people
- Rwanda: the 2nd Ubumuntu (‘humanity’) Arts Festival.

Interesting Videos

- Rwanda: Our Past, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgOBqyV4DRs>
- Rwanda: Folklore music, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqlvyFmFDV0>
- Botswana: Okavango Delta's Wild Oasis, https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=PqC9g7tkrEc
- Botswana: Tsutsube traditional music and dance, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmop0XCol5o>
- Ethiopia: *Azmariwoch* singing, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBRzYJ0bsqQ>
- Sierra Leone: documentary on Debul masks, <https://vimeo.com/164535357>

Opportunities

- Nigeria: The first Ibadan Poetry Foundation – call for poetry to participate in **IBPF Poetry Workshop**
- Nigeria: The English Scholars Association of Nigeria - call for papers for the 32nd Annual National Conference “**English Studies in Non-native Environments: Reflections and Projections**”
- Namibia: The National Art Gallery of Namibia – call for artworks to launch the “Conversations – a call for collaboration” project
- Zimbabwe: Hurungwe Arts Festival – call for artworks for the 3rd edition of the Festival under the theme “**It is Time**”
- **African Politics and Policy:** call for papers