



African Politics and Policy: Culture

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Cultural News

- Nigeria: policy focus on movie industries and eco-tourism
- Nigeria: Jesus College of Cambridge University has announced the possible repatriation “Okukor” to Nigeria
- Nigeria: University of Lagos shut down
- Kenya: Philips Innovation Research study discovered that 59% of Kenyans believe that their ideas will be the next big thing in their industry.
- Botswana, the secrets of a rare African mummy found in 2008 were uncovered by scans and DNA tests.
- The government of Mauritania committed itself to ending modern-day slavery.
- Sudan, the importance of national cultural project of *Sennar Capital Islamic Culture 2017*
- Africa in Word Happiness Ranking
- Liberia: focus on the positive traditional practices
- Ghana does not have a policy to maintain the sites of high cultural and historical importance for Ghana
- Tanzania: The Aga Khan University (AKU) opened a school to train nurses
- South Africa: 117 arts students have received scholarships from the National Arts Council.

Conferences

- South Africa: international conference on the interface between Cultural Policy and Development within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Region
- Senegal: *The Next Einstein Forum*
- Angola: the 2nd workshop on *Safeguarding of Intangible Heritage*
- Angola: the 7th women scientific research conference “An Assumption for Technological Development and Innovation”.
- Namibia: public dialogue on the drought situation
- Ghana: a meeting of Ghana Cocoa Board
- Nigeria: the Award ceremony of the 3rd edition of Etisalat Prize for Literature
- Rwanda, Kigali: workshop on arts management organized by *Rwanda Arts Initiative* and *Africalia*

Books, Literature

- Kenya: the coffee-table book *After5: A Photographic Journey Through Kenya* by Christina Engell Andersen
- Madagascar: *Life amongst the Thorns* by conservationists Louse Jasper and Charlie Gardner
- Eritrea, Asmara: the 15th Book Fair “Quality Books for an Advancing Education”
- Nigeria: World Poetry Day with the Korean Centre

Exhibitions

- Tanzania, Dar es Salaam: Nafasi Art Space, “The last time I saw”
- Namibia: Ombo Gallery, “The Dune Artist Group and Friends”
- Namibia: the Franco Namibia Cultural Centre, the photographic exhibition “Oracularity” by Paavo Shooya
- Ethiopia: the National Museum, a painting art exhibition by the Women’s Artists Association.
- Nigeria: Omenka gallery, “Time to Meet” by Cameroonian artist Joel Mpah Doo
- France: Bardo National Museum of Prehistory and Ethnography, “Algeria in the prehistory, recent search and findings”
- Rwanda: the Office in Kiyovu, Kigali, solo exhibition by Innocent Buregeya
- Uganda: AfriArt Gallery, “Voices Heard” by David Kigozi
- Zimbabwe: a joint project of the National Gallery and the Fair Danish Design Exhibition
- Zimbabwe: the first Sculpture Exhibition by Chitungwiza Arts Center
- Angola: Armando Pombal’s work “Reflexão de Bocage sobre a Luz do Dia” exhibited in Portugal
- Angola: the Portugese Cultural Center, Jorge Gumbe’s solo graphic exhibition “Ressonância e Inspiração”



Tourism

- Somaliland: Laas Geel, rock art site
- Madagascar: Madagascar Spiny Thickets
- Zimbabwe: “Best adventure tourism destination” award
- Namibia: Himba village of Ohunguomure
- Ethiopia: Omo Valley

Museums, Environment Preservation

- Nigeria: modernization of National Museum at Onikan, the National Arts Theatre in Iganmu and the National Stadium in Surulere
- Nigeria: Kaduna National Museum, preparations for the International Day for Monuments and Sites (April, 18) and the International Museum Day (May, 18)
- Angola: the Municipal Culture Department of Icolo e Bengo, Luanda, will conduct a survey of national historic places and sites
- Kenya: discovery of the 3.5 million-year-old fossil of Australopithecus afarensis at the Kantis Fossil Site in the Ngong Hills
- Kenya: the first-born in the Sera Community Rhino Sanctuary black rhino.
- Seychelles: received a \$64500 grant from Japanese government under the Grassroots Human Security Project to improve the environment of the Praslin island, suffering from soil erosion and frequent forest fires.
- Seychelles: John Cruise-Wilkins is close to discover La Buse pirate's treasure buried at Bel Ombre in 1721
- Cameroon: industrial palm oil development as a threat to natural parks and forests and its biodiversity
- Zimbabwe: new Shona Sculpture Gallery opened

The background of the slide features a close-up photograph of a woman wearing traditional African clothing. She has a large, textured, reddish-brown headpiece adorned with yellow and green circular patterns. Her necklace is made of numerous colorful beads in shades of red, green, yellow, and white. The overall image is slightly faded to allow the text to be clearly visible.

Theatre

- Nigeria: Nigerian Turkish Nile University will launch the Centre of Lifelong Learning (CELL) for professional training in the drama, theatre, performance and film arts
- Kenya: the 57th National Drama Festival

Festivals

- Namibia, Windhoek: */Ae/Gams Arts and Cultural Festival* under the motto “Diverse Cultures – One Vision”.
- Uganda: the 10th Amakula International Film festival
- Algeria: the 1st “Cultural Spring” Festival under the theme “The Right to Culture and Creativity”
- Zimbabwe: Simba Art Trust is invited for the 3rd Bergen Afro Arts Festival (Norway) and Op Roakeldais Warffum Festival (Netherlands)
- Zimbabwe: annual Harare International Festival of the Arts (HIFA)
- The Gambia’s international film festival CINEKAMBIYA won the support of FILMINITIATIV KOLN, German cultural development organization
- Eritrea: the 25th Independence Day Anniversary
- Botswana, Gumare: the Mayeyi tribe’s Cultural Festival.
- Rwanda: the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre, the 5th “Our Past” event to commemorate the genocide against Tutsi (1994)

A close-up photograph of a woman wearing traditional Gambia attire. She has a large, ornate headband with circular patterns and a large, round earring. Her hands are raised near her face, and she is looking slightly to the right. The background is blurred, showing other people in similar attire.

Interview

- The Gambia, Gunjur Village museum, Lamin Bojang

Opportunities

- Zimbabwe, Alasi Collaborative Arts: call for play scripts
- Zimbabwe, call for artworks for the Shoko Festival
- Uganda, FEMRITE, call for papers for FEMRITE@20 – Rethinking African Literature conference
- Angola, call for the literary works for the 2016 edition of the Sagrada Esperança Literary Prize.
- Call for papers for the Landscape Archaeology Conference 2016
- Iso Lomso Fellowships
- Nigeria, University of Abuja, a call for abstracts/proposals of papers, workshops, research notes, performances for the AfTA annual international conference *Paradigm Shifts in African Theatre and Performance*
- Philosophy Faculty of Oxford University, call for papers for *Philosophy of “Race” and Racism* conference.
- Call for poetry: The Babishai 2016 Poetry Awards
- AfNet: call for PhD-based papers, for the conference “Redefining the Past, Imagining the Future”