



**African Politics and Policy:  
Culture**  
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# Cultural News

- Tanzania: Tourist Board urged local celebrities to promote national tourism via sharing the images of Tanzanian nature, dance and food on their social accounts. The Government allocated 3 bln TZS in 2016-2017 financial year for development of arts, creative industries and sport
- Rwanda: a new film school opened in Kwa Kabuga community
- The Economic Commission of Africa (ECA) is expand its collaboration with African Universities. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the Hawassa University and the launching of a MPHIL in Industrial Policy in collaboration with the University of Johannesburg
- Botswana: The chairman of Botswana Society for the Arts (BSA) urged the artists to be passion, serious, hardworking and creative in nurturing their art talent for being different and outstanding
- Uganda: the National Theatre, Anti-corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU) held an awarding ceremony for the artists whose art and poetry contributed to fight corruption.
- South Africa: Department of Justice and Correctional Services will establish 37 new art galleries across the country where prisoners have a chance to display their artworks. Cultural program of Free State released
- South Sudan: canceled independence day celebrations
- Sudan: reforming cultural sector
- Nigeria: at Nnamdi Azikiwe University was officially opened the Chinese research center as part of the signed Memorandum of Understanding between Nnamdi Azikiwe University and Xiamen University
- Ghana: the Creative Arts Aging Fund set up
- Mauritius: new budget set up for 2016-2017 is showing more interest in developing cultural and creative industries
- Ethiopia: film industry should change the image of the country



# Conferences, Workshops

- Nigeria: the 2nd Abuja Entertainment Seminar “Investing in our local content and growing the economy through entertainment” by 41 Naija Entertainment
- Nigeria: “Tourism Potential in Yorubaland: Landmarks, Culture and History” conference
- Angola: a forum “Cartoon in the communication and sociology” by the Angolan Writers Union
- Zimbabwe: the two-day Arts and Culture Strategy Dialogue “Arts and Culture Indaba”, at Cresta Lodge in Msasa
- The Gambia: the 4-week art workshop organized by The Gambia Tourism Board and sponsored by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

# Books, Literature

- Eritrea: *The Road to Asmara* by Dr. Tekeste Fikad on the military, political, economic and social aspects of the armed struggle for independence (1984 – 1991)
- Uganda: 40 Days Over 40 Smiles Foundation purchased books for Merowa junior and St John Baptist primary schools
- Uganda: the “age for poetry” coming in Uganda
- Sudan: *Arabs and Africans in 1964* by Dr. Abdallah Ali Ibrahim on the Arab-African relations.
- *Images of Africa: Creation, Negotiation and Subversion* ed. by Julia Gallagher: how the image of Africa was changed from pre-colonial times to present
- Somalia: the 2nd Mogadishu Book Fair
- Mali: The epic of Sundiata Keita
- El Bekri, “Description de L’Afrique Septentrionale” (1965)



# Exhibitions

- Namibia: Katutura urban Expo “Together we can break the chain of poverty”.
- Namibia: Franco-Namibian Cultural Center, “The Politics of Black Hair” of Hildegard Titus, a Namibian photojournalist and visual artist.
- Namibia: the mobile exhibition “Changing History”
- Namibia: the National Art Gallery, “Perspectives” of Chinese and Namibian photographers
- Kenya: The Nairobi Gallery, “Retrospective” by Richard Onyango
- Kenya: the Banana Hill Art Gallery, Elephant paintings by Andrew Arim
- Uganda: Afriart Gallery, “The Unseen” by the 10 contemporary Ugandan artists
- Uganda: Afriart Gallery, “BIG” exhibition
- Uganda: Kampala Art Biennale
- Zimbabwe: Harare galleries, “My First Exhibition” by Chinhoyi University of Technology graduates
- Zimbabwe: the National Gallery with Environmental Management Agency displayed an annual children’s exhibition “Waste no Waste, Trash is Treasure”
- Botswana: 3-day art exhibition, displayed artworks of 700 artists in the Thapong Visual Arts Centre within the President’s Day Competitions
- Botswana: Thapong Visual Arts Centre, an exhibition of Botswana artists who study abroad
- Tanzania: The National Museum and House of Culture, “Sculpture and Carvings Exhibition”.
- The photography competition MyAfrica, organized by Mo Ibrahim Foundation

# Tourism

- Kenya: Tsavo West National Park
- Togo: hotel Lake Togo in Agbodrafo
- Togo: City of Angels is under construction in Lomè
- Togo: the Hotel de la Paix in Lomè is now on sale
- Travelling in Togo (see: Interesting Videos, p. 10)
- The Gambia: Footsteps, bird-watching. Wildlife (see: Interesting Videos, p. 10)
- Angola: the 16th Century church of “Mother Muxima”



# Museums, Environment Preservation

- Kenya: Nairobi Judiciary museum opened
- Kenya: Traditional knowledge of Yiaaku community in Central Kenya has been implemented to take care of trees and plants of the Mukogodo forest
- Ethiopia: Five new books will be soon published by the Ethiopian Authority for Research and Conservation of Cultural Heritage as a result of the institution's research activity on preserving and promoting Ethiopian festivals, ceremonies, fine arts and historical sites
- Tanzania: the book *Tembo, Faru wana haki ya kuishi* (Elephants and Rhinos Have a Right to Life) by the Dar es Salaam Regional Peace Committee.
- South Africa: National Heritage Day, “Celebrating Human Treasures by Asserting our African Identity”

# Theatre, Music

- Ethiopia: the forum on Ethiopian theatre organized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism



# Festivals

- Zimbabwe: Winter Worship Festival “Open Heavens” in 7 Arts Theatre, Harare
- Cameroon: the 6th photography festival “Photography and audiovisual in the digital economy” in Yaounde.
- Uganda: the LaBa Festival
- Nigeria: the Orisa Dances of Yoruba land Festival
- Nigeria: the 1st African Fashion and Art Festival
- South Africa: Gqegeza township, the carnival “Walmer Youth Against Drugs” to commemorate the 1976 Soweto Student Uprising
- South Africa: the 1st Choral Eistedfod Festival at Sand du Plessis Theatre (Bloemfontein, The Free State)
- South Africa: the 9th edition of FNB JoburgArtFair
- Rwanda: the 2nd Arts Arena event at Iriba Centre for Multimedia Heritage
- Rwanda: Umuganura Festival
- Kenya: Music Festival in the Nairobi City, “No violence to children”
- Eritrea: the Eritrean National Festival, “Festival: The Foundation of Unity and Diversity”
- Botswana: the 3rd edition of Gaborone International Music and Culture week (GIMC)

# Interesting Videos

- Ancient rock art of Lesotho caves left by the San shamans <http://edition.cnn.com/videos/world/2016/06/06/inside-africa-lesotho-caves-spc-c.cnn>
- Marchal Ujeku, Nkmobo music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o36YQCARKMk>
- Togo: new development strategy <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3675>
- Togo: new airport now open <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3677>
- Traveling in Togo <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3679>
- Togo's beautiful nature <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3681>
- Togo: new face <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3683>
- The people of Togo <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3687> ,  
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3690>
- Bird-watching in the Gambia <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3704>
- Great documentary on the Gambia <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3706>
- Togolese griots <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3740> ,  
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3743>



# APP Gallery

- Butterfly wing art

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<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3281> , <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3293> ,  
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- (West) African batik

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<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3361>

- Sand-paintings

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- Bronzes from Ivory Coast

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- Carved door by the Dogon

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- African paintings

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<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3347> , <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3351>

- African masks

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<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3378> , <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=3383>

# APP Interviews

- Lagos International Poetry Festival: Interview with Efe Paul Azino
- Nkombo islands (Rwanda) culture: Interview with Marchal Ujeku



# Opportunities

- Call for papers: the symposium “Struggles for Liberation in Contemporary Southern African Literatures and Cultural Spaces” by the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa
- Call for papers: the three-day interdisciplinary conference on Space, Society, and the Imagination of an African Crossroads “LAGOS: From the Pepper-farm to the Megacity (and Beyond)” by University of Lagos.
- Call for papers: the conference *Trespassing the Borders: Redefining Postcolonialism from Peripheral Experiences* by University of Warwick
- Call for papers: WAGADU special issue on “African and Diasporic Women’s Literature: Transitions, Transformations and Transnationalism”
- Call for artists: creative interpretation of what is WILD by *ArtAscent Art & Literature Journal*
- Call for nominations: The African Literature Association is accepting nominations for the awards: Graduate Student Best Essay Award, Book of the Year Award – Creative Writing, Book of the Year Award – Scholarship, First Book Award – Scholarship, Best Article Award.
- Call for participation: Cape Town International Dance Festival
- Call for nominations: by The Nigeria Prize for Patriotism in categories: Education, Health, Civil service, Business, Agriculture, Sports, Security, Governance, Media and Entertainment
- Call for artworks: the National Art Competition, Nigeria