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African Politics and Policy: Culture

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Cultural News

- Angola tries to set up a League of Artists. The project has already approved by the National Union of Artists and Composers, the National Union of Plastic Artists and the Angolan Writers Association
- South Africa: student protests in Cape Town end in the suspension of classes
- South Africa: September – month of celebrating Heritage Day under the theme “Celebrating our Human Treasure by Asserting our African Identity”
- South Africa: the National Arts Council awarded R23 million in grants to 116 organizations for funding music, dance, craft, theatre, literature and visual arts during 2016-2018.
- Kenya: the Publishers of Kenya call the Ministry of Education to increase funding for leisure books
- Kenya: Financial sector promised to invest more in national movie industry
- Italy: Milan held Algeria cultural week
- USA: California held the Cultural Day of Rwanda
- Eritrea: the format of National festivals revised
- Uganda: Chinese language will soon be taught in secondary schools.
- South Sudan: the artists launched the campaign “Ana Taban”
- Nigeria: Ooni of Ile-Ife, Oba Ogunwusi launched a project “Drum of Peace”
- Central African Republic: the armed groups occupy about 400 schools, preventing more than 30% of children to attend classes
- Ethiopia blocks internet as a response to the growing anti-government protests

Conferences, Workshops

- Nigeria: “Displaying Traditional Art in Contemporary African Time: A critical analysis on the best practices for contextualizing traditional art within its home environment” presentation by Lydia Gatundu Galavu, Curator of Contemporary Art at the National Museums of Kenya
- Tanzania: the Dar es Salaam Heritage Day forum
- Nigeria: the National Museum, Onikan, an annual Experience Nigeria Art Show under the theme “Fresh Forward: Refreshing for Future”
- Namibia: the Bank Windhoek Socratic Forum on “Morality and democracy in Africa: who should speak out against abuse of power?”

Books, Literature

- Botswana: Donald Molotsi, the United Solo Festival 2012 - award winning playwright, a collection of two plays *We Are All Blue*
- Ghana: the Storymoja Book Fair Festival
- Kenya: the Nairobi International Book Fair
- Nigeria: Funmi Oyetunde, *A Conscious Life*
- What do the African children read?

<https://africainwords.com/2016/10/13/together-were-strong-a-review-of-book-dash-storybooks/>

Exhibitions

- Kenya: the One-Off Gallery, Peterson Kamwathi, solo exhibition *Constellation and Sediment II: The Void*.
- Rwanda: the Yego Art Centre, Uhirwa Diane, solo exhibition of abstract paintings
- Uganda: Afriart Gallery, “Mukaabya’s Legacies” by Eria ‘SANE’ Nsubuga
- Zimbabwe: National Gallery of Zimbabwe, an exhibition “Meeting Point: African and European Masters in Conversation”
- USA, New Orlean: the McKenna Museum of African-American Art, Juliana Kasumu, photo exhibition “Moussour to Tignon: The Evolution of the Head-Tie”

* ANATABAN Tourism

- Kenya: Thimlich Ohinga, an ancient fortress in Migori county, Western Kenya, built by the Bantu people in the 14th century
- Tanzania: interesting article on the tourism industry
<http://teachingintanzania.weebly.com/tourism.html>
- Seychelles: 10 interesting facts and places
- Chad: camel trip

Museums, Environment Preservation

- The Gambia: Gunjur Village Museum wins BID World Quality Commitment in the Gold category
- Kenya: the government of Kenya plans to restore more than 5 million hectares of deforested land.
- Rock art



Theatre, Music

- Zimbabwe: Intwasa Festival KoBulawayo, this year under the theme “Expressions”

* ANATABAN Festivals

- Botswana: the 39th Old Mutual National Choir Festival
- Botswana: Ngwato Folklore Festival
- Nigeria: Ibo Uzo cultural Festival of Umuezeala
- Nigeria: Badagry Diaspora Festival under the theme “The African Diaspora and the Future of Africa in the 21st Century”
- Nigeria: Lagos Poetry Festival under the theme “Paging Future”
- Kenya: the Ambika Afrika Safari Film Festival under the theme “The Africa We Want: One Africa, One Vision, One Destiny”
- Rwanda: the traditional gorilla naming ceremony “Kwita Izina”
- Uganda: the Kampala City Carnival
- Ghana: Awudome-Tsito traditional festival under the theme “Our youth, Our future”
- Zimbabwe: the Jerusarema Mbende Festival of the Murehwa community

Interesting Videos

- People of Kenya were celebrated by a glorious photographic set

http://www.corriere.it/foto-gallery/esteri/16_settembre_15/kenya-tribu-ritratti-fotografo-neil-thomas-89725fa8-7b43-11e6-ae27-bc43cc35ec72.shtml

- South Africa: photo history of university protests

http://www.okayafrica.com/news/south-africa-university-of-cape-town-student-protests-fees-must-fall-2016/?mc_cid=45dd563f2a&mc_eid=6e51a36965

- How to play Rwandan traditional musical instrument, Izita (Inanga)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jl6pC1O1YKg>

APP interviews

- Interview with Lamin Bojang on bird-watching in The Gambia
- Interview with the sculptor from Zimbabwe, Pularz Prumender Bangura
- Interview with Lamin Jammeh of the Environmental Concern Group, Gunjur, The Gambia
- Interview with #AnaTaban art movement, South Sudan

ANATABAN Opportunities

- *Afridiaspora*, a pan-African literary webzine, a call for papers for its first edition “My Africa, My CITY”.
- African Literature Association Conference, call for papers on “Africa and the World: Literature, Politics, and Global Geographies”
- The Luxor African Film Festival, call for films
- The 20th Contemporary Art Festival SESC_VIDEOBRASIL, call for participation
- The Collegium for African American Research, a call for research papers for the conference “Diasporic Encounters, Subjectivities in Transit: Race, Gender, Religion and Sexualities in the African Diasporas”
- Sillerman First Book Prize for African Poets, a call for poetry submission.