



African Politics and Policy: Culture

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Author: Henry Mzili Mujunga, "Crowd Control"

Cultural News

- Tanzania: University of Dar es Salaam celebrates its 55th anniversary
- Tanzania: the EU is one of the largest investors in arts and cultural heritage in Tanzania; it has already invested 10 mln euros to fund 18 creative and cultural projects.
- Uganda: riots at Makerere University
- Rwanda: on 31st October, the National Unity and Reconciliation Commission organized an awarding ceremony for the artists who produced best songs and poems about reconciliation.
- Madagascar: the International Basketball Foundation's humanitarian project to help impoverished children started earlier this year has brought the first results.
- Ethiopia: Negeri Lencho, Assistant Professor at Addis Abeba University, has been appointed as a new communications minister.
- Nigeria: In order to promote the national re-orientation campaign "Change Begins With Me", Government decided to rely on "good" music, its power to inculcating morals and uniting the country.
- Burundi: 1748 Burundian refugee children aged 3 to 6 have graduated from the first stage of formal education under the Early Childhood Development (EDC) programme in Mahama Camp, Kirehe District, Eastern Province, Rwanda.
- Cameroon: Future in Our Hands International Charity Network is going to expand a treatment center to help 9000 disabled children in the town of Bafoussam.

Conferences, Workshops

- UK, London: Brighton Museum, a one-day conference on “Creating African Fashion Histories”.
- Morocco: on 4th November, under the theme “The contribution by African parliaments towards the fight against the trafficking and work of women and children”, the 39th African Inter-parliamentary Union Conference has started in Rabat.
- Tanzania: Tanzania Film Board organized a three-day workshop for 250 artists to improve their artistic skills and professionalism in filmmaking.
- Kenya: the Kenya National Theatre, the 2016 Broadcast, Film and Music Africa (BFMA8) conference.
- Botswana: Career Dream, the tourism institution in Maun, has awarded with a three-year contract from the World Bank to train over 200 people from the Okavango, Boteti and Chobe.

Books, Literature

- Nigeria: the 4th edition of the Ake Arts and Book Festival under the theme “Beneath this Skin”.
- Nigeria: The Governor of Kaduna State, Nasir el-Rufai, donated 5,000 copies of two books *Rebirth of Conscience* and *Know about Corruption* written by Amina Othman to the schools.
- *Art Africa* and *Collector* magazine have presented a catalogue of artworks “Love Runs Out” by some of South Africa’s most prominent contemporary artists.
- Zimbabwe: The insufficient funding and lack of the governmental support have caused the poetry decline in the country.
- Botswana: Dr S. Keitumetse has recently published a book on conservation of cultural heritage and its management *African Cultural Heritage Conservation and Management: Theory and Practice from Southern Africa*.

Exhibitions

- Kenya: the Affordable Art Show (Nairobi), Alexandra Spyrtos' unconventional paintings of African wildlife.
- Uganda: Afriart Gallery (Kampala), Henry Mzili Mujunga, "Crowd Control".
- Zimbabwe: the National Gallery is invited to participate in the 57th edition of Venice Biennale titled "Viva Art Viva".
- Zimbabwe: Herald House, Zimpapers, exposed the artworks of Chinhoyi University of Technology students.
- Rwanda: From 14 to 20 December, more than 300 exhibitors will take part in Made-in-Rwanda exhibition at the Gikondo Expo grounds.

Tourism

- Tanzania: tourism is booming in Zanzibar; the number of tourist arrivals in the first six months of 2016 already exceeds the number of tourist arrivals for 2015.
- Angola: with the goal to become a major tourist destination in Africa, Angola has opened its first of “50 hotels in strategic locations” – Ibis Styles Talatona.
- Nigeria: list of five destinations to discover the culture of Igbo people:
 - i. Igbo-Ukwu Museum, Ngo village, Igbo-Ukwu, Amabara state, famous for the bronze artefacts;
 - ii. Long JuJu Shrine, Arochukwu, Abia State, the cave, according to traditional beliefs, has long metal pipe through which the gods speak to the people;
 - iii. Mbari, a traditional arts and crafts center, situated at Ikenegbu in Central Owerri;
 - iv. National War Museum Amafor Isingwu Umuahia;
 - v. Mungo Park House, or National Museum Asaba.

Museums, Environment Preservation

- Tanzania: on 29th October, with the support of the EU and UNESCO, in Ololosokwan village of Ngorongoro District was launched a center to promote Maasai cultural heritage.
- Angola: On 4th November, Rui Celso Silva, the deputy governor of Luanda, reopened the Natural History Museum.
- Angola: Government is seeking support to present the historic city of Mbanza Congo, founded in 1483, as a candidate for UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list.

Theatre, Music

- Liberia: Dehkontee Artists Theatre is celebrating its 40th anniversary.
- Uganda: According to the Ebonies director, Mr Bagenda, without governmental support local theatre and film industry may collapse.

Festivals

- UK, London: the 6th edition of the Royal African Society's film festival.
- Australia: Seychelles diaspora in Perth celebrated the annual festival of the Creole heritage.
- Namibia: on December 3, Windhoek will host the 3rd Children Arts and Cultural Festival.
- Uganda: the 6th South African Wine Festival and Tasting.
- Kenya: Lamu County, the 16th edition of the Lamu Cultural Festival to celebrate the rich culture and heritage of Lamu's Swahili people.
- Kenya: Trans Nzoia County, Kikuyu community taught the youth the past way of life, traditions, worshiping their gods "in bid to curb cultural erosion".
- Nigeria: Lagos, Lagos, the 6th edition of African International Film Festival (AfrIFF) under the theme "Africa Unites".
- Nigeria: The Words Rhymes & Rhythm forum is organizing second edition of Feast of Words literary festival under the theme "Words in a Season of Change" on December 3.
- Nigeria: the National Stadium in Lagos, the Ebonyi State Development Association organized the 4th edition of the Ebonyi Cultural Day.

Interesting Videos, Photo-reports

- Marchal Ujeku released a new song, *Bikongole*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPKO8NLBIcM>
- Photographer Tariq Zaidi, “South Sudan: when the gun is used to protect the herd” <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=4429>
- Photographer Tariq Zaidi, “Ethiopia: discovering Lalibela church”
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=4431>



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Opportunities

- University of the Western Cape Cape Town, South Africa, has announced a call for papers for the conference “Language in the Media 2017: Mediat(is)ing (Trans)nationalism”.
- *ArtAscent Journal*, a call for artworks, “Portrait” – a portrait of life, ideology, experience.
- Center of African Studies, University of London, a call for papers for the conference “Imagining Africa’s Future: Language, Culture, Governance, Development”.
- The 6th Annual International Igbo Conference titled “Legacies of Biafra: Reflections on the Nigeria-Biafra war 50 years on”, a call for papers.
- University of Vienna (Austria), a call for papers for the 23rd International Society for African Philosophy and Studies Conference under the theme “African Philosophy in an Intercultural Perspective”