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- **Ghana:** On March 6, Ghana celebrated its 60th anniversary of independence from British colonial administration.
- **South Africa:** In the context of BRICS community, South Africa and Russia are planning to strengthen not only bilateral trade and economic relation via the Intergovernmental Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation
- **South Africa** together with **Gabonese** artists celebrated African unity in art.
- **Egypt:** A statue, that is believed to represent Pharaoh Ramses II, was unearthed in the course of archeological excavations in Heliopolis.
- **Sudan:** A third-year student of Geography, University of Khartoum, was suspended by the administration of the University because of “holding a cultural activity for the Darfur Students’ Association without informing the university police”
- **Tanzania:** Minister for Information, Culture, Sports and Arts called to cultural institutes, agencies and departments to use development funds for developing art talents in a proper way.
- University of **Rwanda** formed in 2013 and experiencing difficult financial shortage is looking for donations from former students.
- The Ministry of Industry and Commerce of **Zimbabwe** is on the way to set up a policy that would be beneficial for Zimbabwean artists and culture

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- The *Kenyan* government approved the proposal to launch an Open University.
- Art scene in *East Africa* is rapidly changing. The East African Soul Train (E.A.S.T) is one of the initiatives designed to promote such change.
- *Sweden* signed an agreement of cooperation with *Zimbabwean* NGO Cultural Fund
- The Media are paying growing attention to *Africa*'s fashion which is becoming more and more fashionable.
- The Belgian association *Africalia* announced a new programme on cultural cooperation with Africa for 2017-2021.
- African art in the auctions, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6415>
- On May 17, the US Embassy and the Zanzibar International Film Festival signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
- More than 1500 unusual photographic glass plates were discovered in the Karoo region of South Africa.
- Ranking of African Universities, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6434>

SAFARI CONFERENCE SAVE THE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

- **Somalia:** 20th April 2017, Mogadishu, TED Talks
- 17-19 May, the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development under the theme “Ensuring inclusive and sustainable growth and prosperity for all”
- The Ufuk Dialogue and Omooba Yemisi Adedoyin Shyllon Art Foundation (OYASAF) held a 3-day workshop on art painting on marble for artists at the Nigerian Tulip International College.
- On 30th May, the National Heritage Council of *South Africa* together with Freedom Park, Oliver & Adelaide Tambo Foundation and South African Maritime Safety Authority organised the Oliver Tambo Centenary Talk on “Celebrating the Life and Legacy of OR”.
- **UK:** 17th May, University of Birmingham, a conference on “Postcolonialism in Interdisciplinary Perspective”
- **UK:** 17th May, the School of English and the Sussex Africa Centre, the 6th African Popular Cultures Workshop “Biafra 50 years on”

Books, Literature

- **Nigeria:** Chimamanda Adichie, according to Fortune magazine, is one of the 50 greatest world leaders in the 2017.
- By the UNESCO decision, Conakry, **Guinea**, is announced to be a World Book Capital in 2017. One-year celebrations of books, culture of reading and publishing will be launched on 23rd April.
- Etisalat Prize for Literature, pan-African prize for writers of fiction books, announced a winner on 20th May: Nigeria's Jowhor Ile, "And After Many Days"
- The 18th edition of the Caine Prize for African Writing, a literature prize awarded to an African writer of a short story: Bushra al-Fadil (Sudan) for 'The Story of the Girl whose Birds Flew Away'
- **UK, London:** 25-28 May, the Literary Weekender festival to celebrate Ghanaian and Nigerian literature

Exhibitions

- **Uganda:** Afriart Gallery, Kamwokya, “To Live Is To Become” by Waswa Donald.
- **Uganda:** Afriart Gallery, “Trade” by Jjuuko Hoods, 5 May – 7 June
- **Zimbabwe:** National Gallery of Zimbabwe established in 1957 is celebrating its 60th anniversary.
- **Italy, Venice:** 7 African countries - Angola, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Nigeria, Seychelles, South Africa are presenting their pavilions at the 57th edition of Venice biennale “Viva Arte Viva”, May 13- November 26, 2017 (Zimbabwe, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6329>, Ivory Coast, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6331>)
- **US, Dallas,** the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden: April 15 - July 31, ZimSculpt put on display more than 200 Shona sculptures.
- **US, New York:** May 3-7, Ethiopian artists Girma Berta, Leikun Nahusenay and Abiy Solomon presented Addis Fine Art at Salon Zurcher
- **US, New York:** Museum of Modern Art, an exhibition devoted to Moustapha Alassane (1942–2015)
- **UK, London:** South African artist Lady Skollie presented her exhibition “In search for Khoisan roots”

SAVE THE REVENUE TOURISM

- **Malawi:** the government committed 65 million dollars to boost wildlife conservation
- **Nigeria:** is going to sponsor 100 foreign tourism investors willing to visit Nigeria for exploration of its tourism potentials.
- **Zimbabwe:** your next tourism destination, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5360>
- **Exodus** launches 2 new safaris, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5382>
- **Safari** focus, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5384>
- **Lake Malawi,** your tourism destination, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5612>
- **Zanzibar,** your tourism destination, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5730>
- **Togo,** your tourism destination, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6169>; <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6188>
- **Lake Natron,** <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6065>
- **Zambia:** South Luangwa National Park, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6075>
- It is possible to track an incredible adventure: crossing Africa from Southern Africa to Egypt on a bicycle, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6229>
- Africa Geographic Travel offers a fantastic tour to explore the beauty of **Omo Valley, Ethiopia.**
- Africa Geographic Travel offers a 5-day walking safari at the **Klaserie Game Reserve in the Greater Kruger, South Africa.**
- Experience **Namibia:** <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6392>, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6396>
- Discover **Mauritius,** <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6394>

Museums, Environment Preservation

- **Botswana:** the Department of National Museum and Monuments together with Friends of the Museum Society organized the Heritage Marathon Workshop under the theme “Culture and Heritage Entrepreneurship”.
- A group of American, Ethiopian and European scientists found a crack in a remote part of North Eastern Ethiopia. This crack marks the birth of what will become, in a few million years, an ocean that will separate Africa from Asia
- **Ethiopia:** novel species of snakes discovered
- Ethiopia: on May 18th, Ethiopia celebrated Word Museum’s Day.
- **Tanzania:** The trees were illegally burned and cut down in costal districts to set up sesame farms.
- **Tanzania:** Lake Tanganyika is in danger
- **Botswana:** There is a plan to relocate 100 white rhinos from South Africa to Botswana, to save the rhinos from poachers.
- **Togo:** coastal erosion (APP report): <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6021>, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6267>, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6341>
- **South African** authorities by rejecting a 2009 ban on domestic trade has legalized rhino horn trade.
- Between 1979 and 1989 Africa lost 600 000 elephants, killed by criminals when a relentless demand for ivory from Asia had the numbers of elephants plummet across central Africa. Today less than 400 000 elephants are left in Africa. The continent is losing 4 elephants every hour
- Created in the early 1960s, the African Wildlife Foundation plays a key role in the conservation and preservation of Africa’s wildlife

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Theatre

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- **Nigeria:** February 28 - March 5, Lagos Theatre Festival
- **Uganda:** 23-26 November 2017, the 4th edition of the Kampala International Theatre Festival.



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Festivals

- **South Africa - Algeria:** February 24-March 3, Cultural Seasons
- **South Africa:** 5-8 April 2017, Cape Town, the 10th edition of “Infecting the City”.
- **South Africa:** the 18th edition of international jazz festival Cape Town Jazz Fest.
- **Jalada Mobile Literary & Arts Festival** from March 3 to 31 visited 12 cities across 5 East African countries.
- **Uganda:** September 15-17, Kampala, the Bayimba International Festival.
- **Seychelles:** 1st poetry festival “Bling Bling nod”
- **Burkina Faso:** 18-23 September, the 2nd edition of Ouaga Film Lab in Ougadougou.
- **Nigeria:** May 28, “Lagos State Golden Concert” as part of celebrations of 50th anniversary of the Lagos State.
- **Switzerland, Winterthur:** May 29 - June 5, the Afro Pfingsten Festival
- **Tarifa (Spain) and Tangier (Morocco),** 28 April – 6 May, the 14th edition of African Film Festival.
- **France, Paris:** March 29 - May 21, the 2nd edition of African Festival “100% Afriques”
- **France:** 2 June – 30 September, botanic gardens Yves Rocher de La Gacilly, the 14th edition of photo festival ‘I love Africa’.

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Interesting Videos, Photo-reports

- Short documentary on Robert Falshau, the Togolese Picasso, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5553>
- Short documentary on Jimi Hope, bluesman from Togo, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5555>
- Short documentary on Jimi Hope's art, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5557>
- Documentary, African dreams in China, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5610>
- Cute lion cubs enjoy playing in the rain, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5614>
- baby elephants play in the mud, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5616>
- East African musicians discuss the challenges that they face and the power of music, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5645>
- Journalism as activism: examples from Africa, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6001>
- Investing in Togo, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6190>

Opportunities

- Global African Diaspora Studies (GADS) Research Platform and Department of African Studies, University of Vienna, announced a call for papers to participate at the workshop on *Strategies for the Promotion of African Language Literature* (May 2-4, 2017)
- Universities of Nigeria announced a call for a special edition devoted to Prof. Oluwaniyi Osundare's 70th anniversary
- The Graduate School of Public Policy of Nazarbayev University will host a Conference on good governance and economic diversification in resource rich countries (August 17-18, 2017).
- Rhodes University, South Africa, announced a call for proposals for the colloquium “*Six Mountains on her back' (Re) thinking African Feminisms*” (21-21 July, 2017).
- A special edition on “Writing on Language, Culture and Development: Africa vs. Asia” (vol.1) announced a call for literary fictions, non-fictions, plays, poetry or mixed genres from Asia and Africa.
- *Africa Writes Festival* that will be held on 30th June – 2nd July at the British Library, London, announced a call for volunteers.
- African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD), a program meant to accelerate the research and innovation in agricultural sciences, offers fellowship.
- Renaissance Society of America announced a call for papers for interdisciplinary panel “The Renaissance in Africa”. The 64th annual meeting will take place in New Orleans, 22-24 March 2018.
- African Studies Association of Africa, the University of Ghana, announced a call for papers for the 2nd biennial conference “African Studies and Global Politics” (October 12-14, 2017).
- Sasol New Signatures Art Competition is now opened for African artists to “Be Discovered”.

Some readings

- Russian Contribution to African Studies (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5426>
- Memories of Museo Africano (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5516>
- Agenda 2063 : Comment nous assurer que les peuples africains jouissent d'une plus longue et saine espérance de vie? (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5559>
- Constitutional reforms: an African lesson for Central Asia? (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5657>
- Togolese People's view of China (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5842>
- African perspectives on China' influence (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5882>
- Mauritius: on top of the continent (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5944>
- How do African millionaires spend their money? (APP) <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5954>
- Investing in African fine arts (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6109>
- The constitutionalization of culture in East Africa (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6251>
- Jacinta Raquel Felipe, an hyper-realist artist from Angola, is mesmerizing the world with her art. <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5380>
- Somali poetry, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5676>
- Archaeology on Africa, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5999>
- Ugandan artist Jjuuko Hoods and his artworks, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6192>
- Trans-Saharan routes, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6373>

APP news

We are happy to announce that African Politics and Policy is growing and is attracting an increasingly large number of readers from an increasingly large number of countries. Our readers now come from **155 countries!!!**

On March 8, APP celebrated its *2nd anniversary!!!*

We are glad to inform that several books by Riccardo Pelizzo, APP editor, are published:

- Understanding Good Governance: from Theory to Practice <https://www.amazon.it/Understanding-Good-Governance-Theory-Practice/dp/3330049146/>

- * Special issue of APP newsletter devoted to Light for the World <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5315>

- 24th issue of APP Newsletter, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5430>

- 25th issue of APP Newsletter, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5846>

- 26th issue of APP Newsletter, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6319>

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APP interviews

- Interview with Pitang Tchalla, President of Haute Autorité de l'Audiovisuelle et de la communication (HAAC), Togo:
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5280>
- Interview with Outraged South African Citizens Against Rhino Poaching (OSCAP),
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=5889>



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