



African Politics and Policy: Culture

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The picture is taken from the APP interview
with Jean Claude Muhire

Cultural News

- **Nigeria:** National Council for Arts and Culture announced that Nigeria would invest more in artists
- **Botswana:** The Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development encouraged the youth to participate at the Youth Development Fund
- **Ethiopia:** The archaeologists during their excavations in Harlaa found a 12th century mosque
- **Eritrea:** Italian-era modernist Architecture of Asmara is recognized as UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The UN is worried about the high level of illiteracy in Africa
- **South Sudan** canceled independence day celebrations
- University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID) was rocked by a series of suicide bombing attacks.
- **Nigeria:** During his visit to the Copyright Society of Nigeria in Lagos, Minister of Information and Culture announced that CCI will be soon qualified for tax holidays and customs duties waivers
- China became the second top destination for African students after France.
- The Culture Fund of **Zimbabwe** signed an agreement with the Embassy of Sweden in support of CultureACTIONS on Women Empowerment and Climate Change.
- **Nigerian** government signed a three-way partnership with the CNN and the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to boost the cultural and creative industries in Nigeria.

Cultural News

- A delegation of Arterial Network, Pan-African network of artists, met with the National Higher Institute of Arts and Cultural Action of *Ivory Coast* to discuss a partnership between the two institutions, education in cultural management and cultural and creative enterprises.
- The Institute of National Museums of *Rwanda* is improving museum structures and service.
- The Centre for Black and African Arts and Civilisation stated that *Nigeria* lacks cultural policy.
- Some African countries celebrated its National Days at *EXPO 2017*, Astana, Kazakhstan

Conferences, Workshops

- **South Africa:** October 5-6, Cape Town, the 3rd *Africa Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship* Forum Conference and Exhibition.
- **South Africa:** July 6, 13 and 20, Johannesburg, Standard Bank Joy of Jazz's three-day music industry development workshop *Geleza Kleva* and *Learn Workshops*.
- **Kenya:** June 29, Goethe Institut, Nairobi, *The Literary Crossroads*
- **Malawi,** Lilongwe: 19-20 July, a conference organized by the Musicians union of Malawi.
- **Tanzania,** Arusha: 27-30 August, the TED Global 2017 conference.
- **Niger,** Niamey: August 16-18, a workshop organized by Regional Center for the Performing Arts-Africa (CERAV) on the theme of civil society participation in the implementation of the 2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and the African Union's Charter for African Cultural Renaissance
- **UK, London:** July 15, Southbank Centre, "East African All Stars"

Books, Literature

- *The Story of Swahili*, an interesting book by John M. Mugane, Professor of African Languages and Cultures at Harvard University.
- *A History of Popular Transportation*, an interesting book by Kenda Mutongi.
- Nigeria: 5-8 July, Kaduna, the 1st edition of *KABAFEST*, Book & Art Festival
- Somalia: *Deqa Nuux Yonis* won the BBC Somali Young Female Poet award. The award was set up to celebrate the 60th anniversary of BBC Somalia.
- South Africa: Cape Town, 6-10 September, the 7th edition of *Open Book Festival*
- South Africa: Johannesburg, 31 August – 3 September, *Jozi Book Fair “Women and Literature”*

Exhibitions

- **Italy, Verona:** The Museo Africano of Verona, an exhibition on the tragedy and the dangers of migration
- **UK, London:** 22 June – 9 September, the Gallery of African Art, South African artist Nelson Makamo, “Souls of Azania”.
- **UK, London:** 30 June - 12 August, Tiwani Contemporary Gallery, “The Slave Ship”, a video installation by Theo Eshetu.
- **Nigeria, Lagos:** 17 June 17 – 1 July, Omenka Gallery, Nigerian sculptor Adeola Balogun, “Bubbles of Emotions”.
- **Ghana, Accra:** 29 June – 15 August, Gallery 1957, Ghanaian artist Yaw Owusu, “All that Glitters”.
- **Kenya, Nairobi:** 29 June – 24 July, Polka Dot Art Gallery, “Artists Against Extinction”.
- **South Africa, Cape Town:** 8 July 8 to August 19, SMAC gallery, a joint exhibition of South African artists Pierre Vermeulen and Mostaff Muchawaya
- **South Africa, Johannesburg:** 17 July, Aspire Art Winter Sale Auction of Historic, modern and contemporary art.
- **South Africa, Cape Town:** 2 August 2 – 9 September, Salon91 gallery, “Guise of Reality” by Zarah Cassim
- **South Africa, Cape Town:** 15 July 15 – 12 August, Goodman Gallery, “Ghost Dance” by Malawian artist Samson Kambalu.
- **Uganda, Kampala:** 1 September – 30 November, Afriart Gallery, “Gunflowermask” by Ugandan performance artist Xenson
- **Eritrea, Asmara:** 15-25 August, an art exhibition by 28 women artists
- **Switzerland, Basel University Library:** an exhibition “Images of Current Affairs. Press Photography and Archives in Africa”.

Tourism

- **Kenya:** Africa Geographic Travel invites to join its 7-day safari tour to Maasai Mara-Serengety park.
- **Kenya:** Africa Geographic Travel offers a 13-day trip 'Walking with Giants' to Tsavo National Park, Kenya.
- **South Africa,** 100 best things to do,
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6908>
- **Seychelles,** Beautiful rock formations
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7127>
- **Zambia:** Africa Geographic Travel offers a photo safari photo to South Luangwa National Park.
- **Rwanda** offers gorilla tourism

Museums, Environment Preservation

- 13 best African museums, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6922>
- Museums of Kenya and Tanzania, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7311>
- Coastal erosion in West Africa, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6666>
- An interesting initiative is taken by Greenpop Foundation: “to reconnect people with the planet”. Since 2010, 79559 trees were planted across Southern Africa.
- 10 most endangered animals in Africa, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7181>

Theatre

- **Malawi:** a new play *Fear Eats the Soul*, the result of partnership between Nanzikambe Arts and German Theater Konstanz



Festivals

- *Nigeria*: August 23-25, Lagos, the Badagry Diaspora Festival.
- *South Africa*: June 29 - July 9, Grahamstown, National Arts Festival
- *Rwanda*: July 13-16, Kigali, the 3rd edition of Ubumuntu Arts Festival under the theme “Art meets technology: bringing stories of home to life”.
- *Rwanda*: 19-20 August, Kigali, the seventh edition of the KigaliUp music festival.
- *Nigeria*: 29 July, African Artists’ Foundation’s “Made in Nigeria”
- *Nigeria*: November 3-5, the second edition of ART X Lagos.
- *Zambia*: 25 June – 16 July, Livingstone, Zambia Festival of Action organized by UNESCO and Greenpop.
- *Republic of Congo*: 19-21 July, Brazzaville, the 11th edition of Pan African Music Festival.
- *Cameroon*: 11-14 October, Yaounde, the 9th edition of African Musics Market “Le Kolatier 2017”.
- *Botswana*: 27-30 September, Bulawayo, Intwasa Arts Festival
- *Malawi*: 26th August, Chinteche, Nkhata Bay, cultural heritage of Tonga people
- *Uganda*: 7-15 September, Kampala, the third edition of the East African Community Arts and Culture Festival – JAMAFEST, “Culture and creative industries: An Engine for unity and Employment Creation”

Interesting Videos, Photo-reports

- Nice overview of African stamps, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6647>
- Photos from Oromia, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6681>
- Onyinye Iwu's illustrations celebrate the (African) women who shaped Africa, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6867>
- Splendid pics of the Himba people, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6874>
- African masks at the 2017 EXPO in Astana, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7461>, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7542>
- Africa at EXPO 2017: a photographic report, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7514>

Opportunities

- Bloomsbury Publishing's "Literatures as World Literature" series announced a call for papers for *Afropolitan Literature as World Literature* edited collection.
- *Concerts SA*, a joint South African-Norwegian project, announced a call for Music Tour Funding applications for South African musicians.
- Funding opportunities for development in and cooperation with Africa, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6830>
- The 5th Annual Writivism Festival announced a call for applications to participate at the *Arts Management and Literary Activism Workshop* (17-20 August 2017, Kampala, Uganda).
- *ArtAscent Journal* announced call for artists and writers to submit their artworks for new written and visual art collection "LOST"
- *Etisalat Prize for Literature*, literary prize for African writers of a debut published book of fiction, announced a call for literary submissions.
- British Institute of Eastern Africa, Nairobi announced a call for papers for the graduate conference "(Re)Framing Narratives of Africa".
- *Africa in Dialogue* announced a call of submission for its First Issue for African interviewers.
- *Short Story Day Africa* under the theme "ID" was open for submissions.
- African Studies Association of the UK announced a call for panels within 12 streams (11-13 September 2018, Birmingham).



Opportunities

- Le Réve Africain association announced a call for projects for annual ‘Afro Pepites Show’.
- African ArtBox invited to participate at the competition “How to live in a space of online culture?” for the projects realized with and critically dependent on digital media and technologies.
- Africology: The Journal of Pan African Studies announced a call for papers for a special edition that ‘aims to explore the full scope of the African world’
- Galleries from BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) are invited to participate at UNFOLD, ART BEYOND THE BRICS
- There are scholarships available to African students to study in Cambridge University.
- Creative Tourism Network announced a call for participation at the Creative Tourism Awards.

Some readings

- L'Afrique Francophone VS Anglophone : « LE CHAOS » (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6715>
- Africa at EXPO 2017, Astana (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7477>
- Disappointed with Egypt (APP), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7749>
- African contemporary artists on Instagram, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6745>
- An interesting interview with South Sudanese poet Ayak Chol Deng Abyei, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6842>
- An interesting interview with Lupwishi Mbuyamba, the Observatory of Cultural Policies in Africa (OCPA), <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7783>
- USSR's battle for hearts in Africa, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7802>
- An interesting interview with a prominent architect David Adjaya, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=8115>
- An interesting interview, the prominent Nigerian writer Odafe Atagun, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=8174>

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 **165 countries!!!**

We are happy to report that APP Team has a new member. **Dr. David Felsen** (Ph.D., Oxford), Associate Professor at Saint Leo University and commentator of international affairs, begins his collaboration with APP.

APP Newsletters:

- 27th issue, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6899>
- 28th issue, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7641>
- 29th issue, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=8267>

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

- *Understanding Good Governance: from Theory to Practice*
- *Africa at the Crossroads*
- *Tourism in Africa: Development and Inequality*
- *Governance in Africa*

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APP collection:

- African masks, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6789>,
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7030>,
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7042>
- African sculptures, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=7091>
- Addis Ababa...in a pic from the past,
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6798>
- Souvenir of Abuja, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6801>
- Memories of Cape Town, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6809>
- Tuareg Crosses and Rings,
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6815>
- Ethiopian crosses, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6819>
- Paintings on canvas, <http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6935>

APP interviews

- Interview with Jean Claude Muhire, the founder of Love the Kids Foundation, Rwanda,
<http://www.africanpoliticsandpolicy.com/?p=6612>

