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The Africa Center Newsletter



As 2022 comes to a close, we want to express gratitude for our Africa Center community. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a happy new year! We look forward to seeing you in 2023. In the meantime, here are a few updates we wanted to share with you all. Enjoy!

ATTEND

7th Annual Africa Summit by Africa Agenda

This week: U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit

This week, on **December 13-15**, President Biden will host the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit in Washington D.C. The Summit underscores the value the United States places on our collaboration with Africa on the most pressing global challenges and opportunities, as well as the Biden



On **Friday, January 13 at 5:30pm**, Africa Agenda will be hosting their 7th Annual Africa Summit at Maglione Hall in Denver. These yearly gatherings convene to support global citizenship and to share in the contributions, triumphs, joys, and challenges of African peoples both from 54 nations and in the Denver community. The Summit continues to be a unique opportunity to participate in an African dialogue in the Rockies and celebrate the food, music, and culture of the continent. Plus, this year's Keynote Address will be delivered by Dr. Simon Munzu, a Cameroonian political activist and democratic governance campaigner.

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Administration's commitment to revitalizing global partnerships and alliances. The U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit will build on shared values to:

- Foster new economic engagement
- Advance peace, security, and good governance
- Reinforce commitment to democracy, human rights, and civil society
- Work collaboratively to strengthen regional and global health security
- Respond to the climate crisis
- Amplify diaspora ties
- Promote education and youth leadership

Livestreams of this event are accessible [HERE](#)

LEARN

Climate crisis in Africa exposes real cause of hunger – colonial food systems that leave people more vulnerable

At COP27, a deal was introduced to create a loss and damage fund to compensate poor countries for the pain they are incurring because of climate change. While some have heralded this agreement as long overdue climate reparations, others point out that the loss and damage fund does nothing to address the root causes of climate change - fossil fuel emissions. In this article, the author raises a different concern: this approach glosses over the fact that the types of food production systems that the global community has fostered in Africa leave the poorest more exposed and vulnerable to climatic variability and economic shocks.

Last of the 'Super Tuskers': Saving Kenya's majestic megafauna

Growing between 10 to 13 feet tall, Super Tuskers are a rare type of elephant with tusks that each weigh over 100 pounds and are so long that they often touch the ground. There are roughly a couple dozen of these magnificent beasts left in the world, with most, if not all, currently concentrated in Kenya. After seeing these elephants in the wild as a child, Joseph Kyalo pursued a career in conservation with Tsavo Trust, an organization dedicated to protecting the wildlife in the Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA) – in particular, the Super Tuskers. He is dedicated to raising awareness of how vital it is that every effort is made to protect what is arguably the last viable gene pool of

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'Big Tuskers' remaining.

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Dispatches from Africa's COP: Kenyan youth on the frontlines of climate adaptation

The [Foresight Africa](#) podcast, hosted by Aloysius Uche Ordu, director of the Africa Growth Initiative at the Brookings Institution, celebrates the dynamism and optimism across Africa and explores strategies for broadening the benefits of growth to all people of Africa.

In this segment, Beverly Musili, policy analyst at the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis, and Tomas Hurdson, CEO of Youth Green Space Action, discuss the outcomes of this year's COP - particularly the solidarity displayed by African youth.

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What to Watch for in the Upcoming U.S.-Africa Leaders' Summit

[Into Africa](#) is a podcast aimed at shattering the narratives that dominate U.S. perceptions of Africa, hosted by Mvemba Phezo Dizelele, Africa program director and senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

In this episode, Mvemba is joined by Dana Banks, Senior Advisor to the President of the United States and Special Advisor for the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit. With the Summit officially kicking off on December 13, they discuss the challenges and opportunities for strengthening ties between the U.S. and African countries and how to maintain momentum beyond the Summit.

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WATCH

The Global Opportunity to Accelerate Africa's Sustainable Future | Vanessa Nakate | TED

Ugandan climate justice activist Vanessa Nakate sits down with former president of Ireland Mary Robinson for a conversation about the state of the climate crisis. Uganda -- which faces prolonged droughts, landslides and flooding stemming from climate change - needs energy-rich, high-emitting nations to provide climate finance for Africa and accelerate the continent's sustainable future.

Trophy hunting - a peril or a benefit for Namibia?



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Trophy hunting is legal in several African countries and Namibia is one of them. Whilst Namibia significantly relies on this trade to generate revenues, could this be a call to diversify tourism earnings for the southern African nation?



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