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The Africa Center Newsletter

Hi everyone! Happy Friday! Read on to learn about some of the things we're reading, watching, and attending to stay up to date on social, environmental, and sustainability issues in Africa!

ATTEND

12th Africa MAAFA Conference

Sankofa African Heritage Awareness, Inc., a 501 c 3 education nonprofit presents the 12th Africa MAAFA Education Conference: America's Apathy to African American Post Traumatic Enslavement and Jim Crow Disorders.

The conference will emphasize how 160 plus years after Reconstruction, including the Civil Rights Era of the sixties, have not been sufficient to completely extirpate the malignant and traumatic slave disorders in African American life due to the many persistent reminders. Medical, historical, and governmental records support the fact that some of these mental aberrations and physical impairments are determinants traceable to America's enslavement and Jim Crow Eras.

The conference will be held at Laramie County Community College, Union Pacific Rooms, 1400 East College Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82007 on Saturday, **October 14**, from 8:30am-11:50am. The event is free, including refreshments.

More information [HERE](#)

Dibul Kouana: A Visual Language for Feminine Prestige & Arts of the Cameroon Grasslands



Africa-focused exhibitions on display at the Gregory Allicar Museum of Art.

Dates: July 21, 2023 - December 17, 2023
Time: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

The Dibul Kouana exhibition explores the visual complexity of beaded aprons known as *dibul kouana*, or *pikuran*, which are worn by women and used to promote social status, personal identity, and social ties.

The Arts of the Cameroon Grasslands is a peripheral installation accompanying Dibul Kouana. In this peripheral installation, handcrafted

objects from Cameroon provide an example not just of the country's social and environmental diversity, but of artistic variation as well.

LEARN

Predicting suitable habitat for the Critically Endangered African wild ass *Equus africanus* in the Danakil Desert of Eritrea

The Critically Endangered African wild ass *Equus africanus* is one of the most threatened equids, with fewer than 400 individuals persisting in the Danakil Desert (Eritrea), and fewer than 600 globally. Findings from observations of African wild asses provide wildlife management authorities with substantive information and rationale for the establishment of a protected area on the Messir Plateau for African wild asses in Eritrea.

Read more [HERE](#)

Art, Adornment, and Identity in Africa.

In this chapter, David Riep looks at how the visual arts have helped, and continue to help, individuals establish frameworks for negotiating and defining identity on the African continent.

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LISTEN

Field Notes - Michael Pante



In this installment of Field Notes, we talk to Dr. Michael Pante. Dr Pante is an Associate Professor in the Anthropology and Geography department at Colorado State University. We chat about his research on the impact of meat and marrow consumption on human evolution, his trip to Olduvai Gorge in

Africa Climate Conversations: 71% of African conservation NGOs say global partnerships need reform.

Not only are local communities and organizations essential for conservation but also for addressing issues of sustainability, poverty reduction, and economic development in Africa. However, local organizations collaborate with international organizations to assist these communities in protecting the biodiversity they inhabit, conserving fauna, adapting to climate change, and enhancing their social and economic well-being.

According to a 2023 report published by Maliasili in September, partnerships between global conservation

Tanzania, his methodological contributions to paleoanthropology and his recent work on the origins and evolution of cannibalism among our ancestors in Africa and Europe.

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organizations and their African counterparts are crucial to the success of conservation efforts. However, these partnerships continue to confront obstacles regarding power dynamics, transparency, and interest alignment.

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WATCH

Africa Climate Summit: How to achieve a climate-friendly future? | DW News Africa



How can Africa pay for a climate-positive future? African leaders want sweeping changes to the global financial system, to help the continent adapt to the effects of extreme weather. At the first ever Africa Climate Summit in Kenya's capital, the discussions with the private sector and civil society, focused on raising funds to help adaptation and resilience in the face of climate change. Kenya already generates most of its power from renewables, and wants to go all the way by the end of the decade. But despite being able to harness the power of the wind, water and sun, it's still struggling to maintain a constant energy supply.

Watch the video [HERE](#)

OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for PenPals in Africa? Michelle Bontrager has just returned to Colorado from a Peace Corps assignment that took place in Madagascar where she taught English to 7 university students who are keen to expand their English language skills. She enjoyed teaching English to university students and young adults in Antsirabe, Madagascar's third largest city, this year. Her students are curious about life in the U.S but have limited opportunity to travel abroad. If you are interested in becoming an E-penpal with a Malagasy student this semester, contact Michelle via email, tea.bike@yahoo.com or WhatsApp **+261 38 60 724 33**.

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