Hi everyone! Happy Thursday! 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**

**December Coffee Social**

Join us for our last Fall monthly coffee social on December 5 at 9:30 am in Johnson Hall Room 108.

This is a great opportunity to meet faculty, staff, students, and community members who work in Africa or have an interest in Africa. Share ideas, stories, and research!

Freshly brewed African coffee will be served with juice, tea, and breakfast snacks.

**LEARN**

**CEPI to invest in the advancement of a vaccine against potentially deadly Rift Valley fever virus into clinical trials in Tanzania**

The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness

**Semi permanent display of African pottery in the LSC**

Dr. David Riep recently curated a semi-permanent display of African pottery in the newly opened renovation on the third floor of the Lory Student Center
Innovations (CEPI) is to invest $28.5 million, with support from the EU, in UC Davis-led clinical trials of a Rift Valley fever (RVF) vaccine in Tanzania.

CSU is also a partner on this project. Dr. Rebekah Kading, Dr. Corey Rosenberg and Shelby Cagle from the College Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences together with Dr. Nicole Kelp from the department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology will be participating in community engagement and entomology investigations in the study area.

Learn more about the project [HERE](LSC).

The display features approximately 35 vessels created by artists from across the African continent and are part of the Gregory Allicar Museum of Art’s permanent African collection. Visit the LSC to view the collection.

In this installment of Field Notes, we talk to Dr. Heidi Hausermann. Dr Hausermann is an Associate Professor in the Anthropology and Geography department at CSU. We chat about her research on the complex conditions under which landscapes change, and ensuing socio-environmental ramifications. We also chat about her projects in Ghana including alluvial gold mining, the Buruli ulcer and the Bui dam.

Listen [HERE]

Africa Climate Conversations: African Lead Negotiator - "I hope the loss and damage fund does not become a bargaining chip at COP28"

A 24-member transitional committee on loss and damage issued a proposal for a new loss and damage fund ahead of the 28th UN Climate Summit -COP28 - taking place in Dubai this November.

According to Alpha Oumar Kaloga, the African group's lead negotiator on loss and damage, the final decision was made in a tense atmosphere; thus, there is a need to understand the status of the final decision, as the United States had objected at the last moment.

Developing countries have been pushing for a loss and damage fund since 1991, when the Alliance of Small Island States proposed creating an international insurance pool to compensate for loss and damage.

Listen [HERE]
In Kenya, thousands of Indigenous pastoralist communities have long relied on communal grazing land for their survival. However, legal ownership and control of their ancestral lands remains a struggle for many.

This premiere of a new short film shares the inspiring story of the Indigenous community of the Maji Moto group ranch in Narok, Kenya. The film is produced by the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) and Kenya-based Indigenous Livelihoods Enhancement Partners (ILEPA), in partnership with the Video Consortium’s Solutions Storytelling Project and the Skoll Foundation.

Watch the premier and discussion here HERE

OPPORTUNITY

The Global Livingston Institute - Global Scholars Fellowship Program

Applications are open for Global Livingston Institute (GLI) Winter 2024 Global Scholars Fellowship Program (GSFP). This program will be a 2-week interactive online classroom & research experience geared towards both undergraduate & graduate students across all disciplines. The program will feature daily lecture series and discussions with key community development leaders from the US & East Africa; involvement in collaborative research projects focused on several community development sectors; and remote mentoring/advisory support from the GLI team.

The deadline to apply is December 15th. Visit the website HERE for more information about the program.