Expressing Solidarity with the Victims of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe

The African Studies Center on behalf of the Africanist community at Michigan State University extends our deepest sympathy to the peoples of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi who have suffered the tragic loss of family, friends, and neighbors and the loss of property, the means of subsistence and livelihoods, as a result of the unprecedented impact of Cyclone Idai.

MSU has a rich and long tradition of engagement with colleagues in the region in addition to an extensive network of alumni, friends, and current students. These significant personal connections intensify our anguish over the suffering that we witness daily through video footage and personal communications.

We urge everyone in our MSU community to reach out to our students and colleagues from the region. We are confident that many in our community have already made contributions to organizations providing support to the victims of Cyclone Idai. If you are interested in making a contribution, there are a number of organizations that are providing assistance in the region. The New York Times provides a list of organizations as does PBS: https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/how-to-help-cyclone-victims-in-mozambique-malawi-and-zimbabwe

The Graca Machel Trust, an important regional NGO founded by the former first lady of both Mozambique and South Africa and founding member of the Global Elders group, is also collecting funds that are used to meet urgent needs in all three affected countries: https://gracamacheltrust.org

This week is the annual Africa Week here at MSU. African Student groups who are organizing the week's events have expressed an interest in demonstrating their solidarity with the victims of Cyclone Idai. We will forward information on the MSU African Students' initiative when details are finalized.

This is the Year of Global Africa!
The Year of Global Africa explores MSU's rich history and connection with our many partners across Africa and throughout the African Diaspora through diverse scholarship, engagement, and activities. The weekly Newsletter provides a list of upcoming events, speaker presentations, tea times, conferences, jobs and other exciting opportunities related to the Year of Global Africa.

To learn more about the Year of Global Africa, http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu
For more on the African Studies Center, http://africa.msu.edu

**Alliance for African Partnership**

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership, aap.isp.msu.edu

**Eye On Africa Speaker Series**

To learn more about Eye on Africa, http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/

Eye on Africa Seminars are livestreamed at http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/

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**AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Eye on Africa**

(Seminars are live-streamed at http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/)

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

Student Research Showcase
Eye on Africa with African and Africanist Students

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

12:00-1:30pm-Room 303 International Center

Ronald Kassimir, Executive Director, SSRC
"The Inevitable Porousness of Area Studies: Four Strong Winds of Change"

Recent Seminars can be watched at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96_6EJqFfSPiZq0mdng/

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**African Tea Time- Open To Everyone**

An opportunity to learn about and share first hand knowledge of the African continent
Learn, Share, Engage!

Thursdays-4:00-6:00pm
427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 303 International Center
April 11: Liberia, South Sudan, and Mozambique

You can see the complete 2018-2019 Tea Time calendar [here](#).

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### MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Africa Week Celebration!
March 25-29

![Africa Week Celebration poster](#)

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| **Monday March 25** | Location TBA  
African Student Union (ASU) & Black Student Alliance (BSA) collaborative event.  
**DESCRIPTION:** Africa Week kick-off social. There will be a demonstration of modern dances from Africa and the Diaspora. African food will be served! |
| **Tuesday March 26** | RCAH Theater  
**7-9PM**  
**Film Screening and Discussion:**
- part of the "Screening A Light: African Women in Film Series in March"  
**TITLES:** PME: Iron Ladies of Liberia  
**Panel Discussion to immediately follow:** |
| **Wednesday March 27** | Bessey Hall Rm 112  
**6-7:30PM**  
**African Student Union (ASU) Round-table discussion**  
**THEME:** Modernization of Tradition in Africa. The discussion will be centered on African traditions in African culture, current practice of traditions and the role of tradition in the future. |
| **Thursday March 28** | International Center  
**Rm 201**  
**12-1:30PM**  
**Eye on Africa Panel:**  
By African and Diaspora students doing work related to women and girls in Africa |
| **Thursday March 28** | International Center  
**Rm 201**  
**2:30PM**  
**African Female Students Empowerment Program (AFSEP):**  
**Q&A session with H.E. Ambassador Dr. Arkana Chihombori-Quao:**  
- Ambassador of African Union Mission to the United States  
**THEME:** African Women in Leadership and prospects for the younger generation |
| **Thursday March 28** | International Center  
**Rm 202**  
**6:00PM**  
**African Student Leadership Association (ASLA) Model African Union come-back conference**  
**THEME:** Refugees, Returnees, and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa  
Opening Remarks: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Arkana Chihombori-Quao  
- Ambassador of African Union Mission to the United States |
| **Friday March 29** | Kellogg Hotel  
**9:00AM**  
**African Graduate Students Association (AGSA) conference**  
**THEME:** Local Action to Global Impact: Transforming Africa through localized efforts  
The conference seeks to interrogate how localized activities in different spaces (on the continent and in the diaspora) are transforming Africa in the global context, while also interrogating the continent’s future challenges and prospects.  
**Keynote Speaker:** H.E. Ambassador Dr. Arkana Chihombori-Quao  
- Ambassador of African Union Mission to the United States |
| **Friday March 29** | McDonel Hall  
**Lower Level**  
**6:00PM**  
**Taste of Africa Event hosted by Kongsamulo Student Group**  
The event will feature instruction cooking of different African dishes as well as African music and dance. Kongsamulo aims to foster collaboration among people related to or working in Africa and to also create a space for dialogue and networking among students, staff, faculty, and members of the Greater Living community who have interest and experience in Africa |

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**Iron Ladies of Liberia: Film Screening and Discussion**
March 26, 7pm  
RCAH Theatre
In honor of Women's History Month, the African Studies Center, in collaboration with the Center for Gender in a Global Context, presents four films which shine a light on women in Africa and the African Diaspora.

Join us this Tuesday (March 26) for the final screening in the series, "Iron Ladies of Liberia."

Discussion to follow shortly after.

Sponsored by the African Studies Center, the Center for Gender in a Global Context, the History Department, and African American and African Studies

"Iron Ladies of Liberia" (2007)
Film Screening & Discussion

RCAH Theatre
Date: March 26
Time: 7:00pm
Part of the Shining a Light Film Series

African Women in Leadership and Prospects for Younger Generations
Q & A session with H.E Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao
Thursday March 28, 2:30-4pm
International Center Rm 201

ASLA Comeback Conference
Thursday, March 28, 6p-8p
International Center Rm 303
The African Students’ Leadership Association (ASLA) invites you all to their 7th ANNUAL COMEBACK CONFERENCE where all the Washington DC action will be unveiled and more.

ASLA brings you a special guest, Dr Arikana Chihombori-Quao, AU Ambassador to the United States.

It is forecast that this is an event you do not want to miss. We can't wait to see you there. The countdown is almost down and we are excited!

Bring everyone you know.

Taste of Africa
March 29, 2019 @ 5:00 pm- 9:00pm
McDonel Hall, 817 E Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48825
Taste of Africa is an event open to the public, hosted by Kongamano. At the end of Africa Week, Kongamano hosts a dinner in which African food is catered and basic African dishes are taught and cooked on-site. Dinner, African performances and a Raffle for Snares to Ware will take place.

Tracing Our Forgotten Africa -Week of Events
April 8th- April 12th

Tracing our forgotten Africa is a week-long celebration of the future Africa we want to see and homages to the Continent we know and love. The week long events of culture, panels, and film will take place April 8-12, 2019. Our hope is that together we can connect, collaborate and brainstorm the many ways
SITES OF MEMORY: Reflecting on the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
A 360° IMMERSIVE VISUALIZATION EXHIBIT
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Event begins at 6:00 p.m. * Remarks at 6:30 p.m.
Michigan State University, Main Library Digital Scholarship Lab, 2-West

Screening times begin at 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
RSVP's are encouraged and to select a preferred viewing time.

The exhibit commemorates the 1994 Rwanda genocide against the Tutsi and explores the history of the genocide through a virtual tour using 360° video technology. Several prominent memorial sites in Rwanda are featured and includes testimonial interviews with genocide survivors.

Developed in partnership with the Michigan State University African Studies Center with financial support from MSU's Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Creating Inclusive Excellence Grants. Directed by Erik Ponder, African Studies Librarian. Narrated by Laura Apol, Associate Professor, Teacher Education. Videographer/Editor: Justin Leggs, MSU African Studies Center. Run time is approximately 34 minutes.
The African Graduate Student Association (AGSA) invites you to their 4th Annual Conference. The conference intends to create a forum where African and Africanist scholars discuss the transformation of Africa. Building upon past AGSA conferences, this year's conference seeks to interrogate how localized activities in different spaces (on the continent and in the diaspora) are transforming Africa in the global context, while also interrogating what the continent's future challenges and prospects are.

The conference is free and open to everyone. If you are attending the conference (even if you're not presenting), please take a moment to register below:
https://goo.gl/forms/2Pb3uJT89iMt73o23

For additional information, please e-mail us at agsa@msu.edu

Call for Abstracts
FROM THE GROUND UP: Improving Soil Health in Africa through Partnership
APRIL 19TH, 2019: Room 303 International Center

This symposium aims to share the most current research by MSU faculty and students on soil health. The two major goals of the symposium are to share the research work with the general public; and bring collaboration opportunities for faculty and students from different scientific disciplines. The symposium will be part of the Africa R&D Connect series and composed of a keynote, oral and poster presentations.

Register, submit abstracts, and volunteer for the symposium here.
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: tuxinyi1@msu.edu
Upcoming YGA Events

Sustainable Coffee Development in Rwanda
Tuesday, 16 April, 12:00 p.m - 1:30 p.m
Room 201, International Center

Dr. Ameet Morjaria (Managerial Economics & Decision Sciences, Northwestern University) and MSU faculty, Dr. Maria Claudia Lopez (Community Sustainability) and Dr. David Ortega (Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics) will discuss their research on the development of Rwanda's specialty coffee sector. MSU PhD Candidate Andrew Gerard (Community Sustainability) will provide background on MSU's work on coffee in Rwanda and facilitate the discussion. More info here.

Study Abroad

Student Experiential Learning Summer Opportunity in Malawi
July 29 to August 21, 2019
Deadline: April 7, 2019

The Global Center for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI) at MSU is once again running the Frugal Innovation Practicum, an interdisciplinary, experiential learning program carried out in collaboration with the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources. More about the program is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDEbi_412eM

To read more about this program and how students can apply, students should refer to this document linked here or get in touch with Dr. Stephanie White at whites25@msu.edu.

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