



YOUTH MUSEUM FORUM

Invitation for the official launch

As part of the Youth Museum Forum project, the School of African Heritage (EPA) invites young museum professionals and students to take part in a virtual online program to discuss and contribute ideas for the new African Museum, as well as interact with other like-minded young Africans by sharing their thoughts on museum-related topics. The topics will be wrapped up with a monthly webinar in which subject matter experts will share their knowledge and experience.

This forum, organized as part of the Youth.Heritage.Africa (YHA) program, aims to address the issue of museum non-attendance and young people's disinterest in these institutions. The reasons for this situation are numerous, and the goal of this activity is to contribute to restoring the image of museums and defining a new type of museum in Africa: a well-managed museum that allows all actors to interact and takes their aspirations and concerns into account; a museum made by and for communities. Only under these conditions will museums be able to fully play their role and have a positive impact on society's development. These are the issues that the forum is concerned about.

After this virtual phase, a physical meeting will be held in May 2023 on the occasion of International Museum Day, which will bring together the most active young African museum professionals and enthusiasts as well as key stakeholders from the fields of heritage, culture and museums in Africa.

Eligibility

- ❖ Young African Museum Professionals (18-35 years of age)
- ❖ Young African Museum Studies Students (18-35 years of age)
- ❖ African youth interested in contributing to Museums and discussions around the New African Museum
- ❖ Fluency in English and/or French
- ❖ Sufficient Internet connection to allow engagement on online platform
- ❖ Seniors interested in contributing as a volunteer Resource Person for discussion

Timeline

The virtual discussions and webinars will take place through the School of African Heritage (EPA) Youth Museum Forum platform from October 2022 to April 2023.

The official launch of all activities for the project is scheduled for October 7th 2022. As a result, we would like to welcome you as one of our guests beginning at 11 a.m. (Cotonou time) via the link below.

<https://bit.ly/3duV6eh>

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