

Cultural Heritage Education in institutions of higher learning in Uganda

What relevance? What prospects?

A national symposium:

Tomorrow 12th November, over 100 academicians, cultural heritage specialists, representatives from UNESCO, concerned ministries and government agencies; youth representatives, and resource persons from the cultural and education sectors will meet at Kyambogo University to discuss the relevance and prospects for cultural heritage education in institutions of higher learning in Uganda.

This national symposium will be held to mark the efforts of 4 universities to develop an undergraduate programme (Bachelor of Cultural Heritage Studies) which will be soon launched in their respective institutions.

Since mid-2017, the 4 universities (Uganda Martyrs' University, Kabale University, Kyambogo University, and the

Islamic University in Uganda) have worked together on this initiative, largely funded by UNESCO, and coordinated by the Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda.

Background:

These efforts reflect a situation where Ugandan students - our future policy makers, technocrats and political leaders - often do not have an opportunity to learn about and appreciate cultural heritage for its intrinsic value, or as a source of employment through cultural tourism, the arts and creative industries, and other development prescriptions.

Further, there is a general lack of awareness of the importance of cultural heritage amongst the general public, there is limited media coverage of cultural heritage matters, and cultural tourism (as opposed to wildlife tourism) is at an embryonic stage

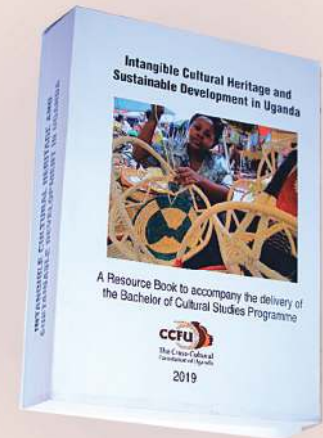
Joining the symposium:

The Symposium is meant to interest other universities in this initiative, to debate its relevance in a context where culture and social sciences are often seen as "less important" as university subjects than the pure sciences.

The Symposium will be held from 10 am to 2 pm. at Kyambogo University.

The programme includes interventions by the participating universities and by UNESCO, a panel to discuss "Humanities vs. Science subjects", a short film on this project and a discussion on the changing policy context and opportunities for heritage education therein.

This is a hybrid (physical and online) event. Why not take part and join us from 10 am to 2 pm by logging in at: www.crossculturalfoundation.or.ug/live to select an option to access the live stream on Facebook, Twitter or Zoom? Or send us your question / comment at ccfu@crossculturalfoundation.or.ug



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