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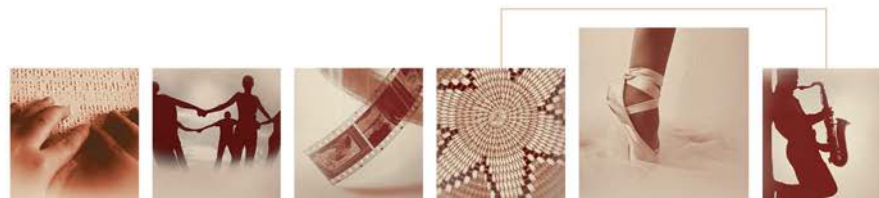
2019 AFRICA MONTH - WE ARE AFRICAN CULTURAL CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

DATES	EVENT	VENUE	EVENT DETAILS
01-May-19	Launch of the Africa Month program - Celebrate Africa Carnival and Festival	Ethekwini	This is the annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organisation Of African Union (OAU) now known as the African Union on May 25, 1963. This day is celebrated in most African countries in the continent (it is a holiday in some countries). For the second time, the #CELEBRATEAFRICAfestival offers a platform for the entire continent to celebrate in one place – joined by a global audience! It is time for Africa! From a caterpillar into a fully fledged butterfly!
15 May to 15 June	Distant Memory (The Archive and Memory)	City of Tshwane - UNISA	This Exhibition reflects on the role of memory 25 years into democracy .How we remember and what we remember , what is left out and what remains in the construction of individual sense of Identity .Who and what is this young democracy?.have we reached the end of the rainbow ?.These are some of the questions the exhibition seeks to explore and address through a selection of artworks from public and private institutions that will interrogate the role of these institutions in Memory making and in the

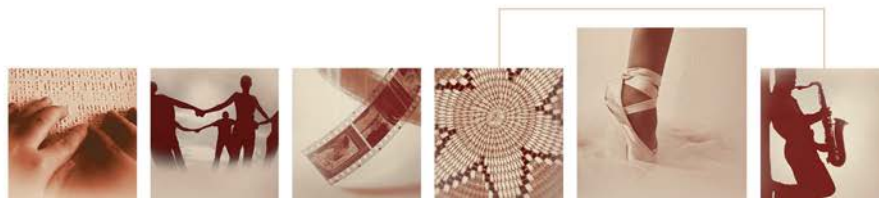
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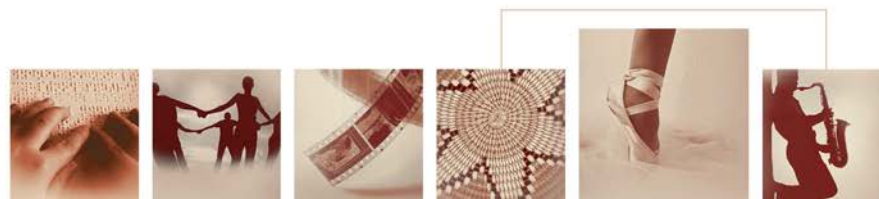
			past/present/future continuum of how history is constructed and communicated.
17-31 May 2019	We are Africa Film Festival (WAFF)	City of Tshwane	This is an annual film festival taking place during Africa Month in different Provinces to promote African Cinema to strengthen political , economic and social intergration amongst African countries. We use film festival to foster social cohesion and African ethics and values.
21-May-19	Youth Forum.	Ekurhuleni	This event seeks to bring together African youth to deliberate and find solutions to challenges facing the Continent today. The forum would also focus on the role of culture in responding to global warming and 4IR



24 May 19	Annual Celebration of Africa Indegenous Cusine	Moses Kobane Local Municipality Letlhakeng Stadium	Indiza foods together with parties in Southern African Countries, Ethiopia , Lesotho , Cameroon, Ghana and Gabon would like to celebrate African united on Indegeneous foods .The event will see Participation of bagolo(elderly) and young school learners , people with disability and the whole community .We envisage foods cook-offs, music , dance and poetry and story telling . to celebrate Africa`s heritage in the form of cusine.
24-26 May 2019	25 Years of Freedom Celebration Expo 2019	Gauteng	<p>To stimulate Economic Freedom for rural and township artist entrepreneurs especially youth and women by stimulating demand for their products and services. Exposing their offerings to National and International potential buyers. Creates a great platform for social cohesion as The content of the event which includes education, conservation of our culture will unite diverse communities from different geographic areas of KZN. Since the location of the event is easily accessible to tourists, the objective is to promote our art and culture through different artistic activities in anticipation for future visitations to our country.</p> <p>Since one of the objectives will teach through educational activities that are culturally focused, the majority of the audience will be youth, school learners, tourists, families, culture enthusiasts etc. Expose talented disadvantaged youth to publishers, industry promoters and nature conservationists.</p>



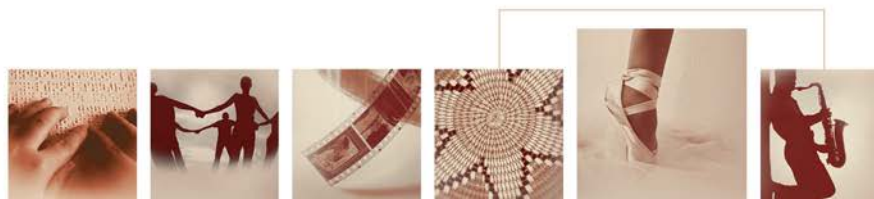
25-May-19	Annual Collins Chabane Cultural Heritage Show	Malamulele (Stadium)	The annual Collins Chabane Heritage Festival is the champion of cultural, traditional music, dance and arts in the Vhembe region and Limpopo as a whole.
26-May-19	Gcwala-Ngamasiko Cultural Festival	Soweto (KlipTown)	This is an International Multi-Cultural festival, Whose core objective is to Promote social cohesion and people inclusivity through Practical Arts, Culture and Heritage Activities. East+D8, west , North, South and central African country Participation via a performing Group.
26-May-19	Kwadabeka Africa Day Celebration	Ethekwini	Africa Day Celebration headed by • Mbuso Khoza – South Africa • Inna Modja – Mali • Kommando Opps – Lesotho
26-May-19	African Legendary Queens	Nelson Mandela Bay Aurthon Wellin Methodist Church in Birighton	The project aims to honour the women of Africa for exceptional work they do to unite our continent. This year we are honouring the legends Charlote Maxeke, Cecilia Makiwanan, Letta Mbulu, Dorothy Masuku and Mama Winnie Madikizela Mandela dor their hand in getting South Africa where it is today.



27 MAY 2019	Africa Month Colloquia	Durban	<p>Leading Jamaican / British writer and intellectual, Linton Kwesi Johnson (aka LKJ, born 24 August 1952) is a Jamaican dub poet who has long been based in the UK. In 2002 he became the second living poet, and the only black poet, to be published in the Penguin Modern Poetry series.[1][2] His performance poetry involves the recitation of his own verse in Jamaican patois over dub reggae usually written in collaboration with renowned British reggae producer/artist Dennis Bovell. Linton Kwesi Johnson will do a talk and have a poetry workshop and reading with students and a general audience at the Luthuli Museum in KwaDukuza. There will also be a musical performance and other poets in attendance and participating.</p>
28 MAY 2019	Africa Month Colloquia: Lecture	Gauteng	<p>Literature Panel and Music: The Africa month lecture focuses on African solidarity: strengthening the African agenda between Africa and its Diaspora in the arts, culture, language and the environment. The 2019 Africa Month lecture will be a talk presented by Linton Kwesi Johnson. He will speak on the theme "Celebrating African Literary Legends." This session will also feature the work and life contribution of living literary legend, Don Mattera, born in 1935, who will be part of a reading panel that will include Mxolisi Nyeswa, Frank Meintjies and Sindiwe Magona. Don Mattera is renowned as an artist who became involved in the Black Consciousness movement, helped form the Union of Black Journalists and</p>



			became known for his poetry and his autobiography, "Memory is a Weapon". Once more a range of literary legends and those of younger generations have been invited to pay tribute to him and to celebrate the lives of other authors.
30 MAY 2019	Africa Month Colloquia	Gauteng	<p>RAISING THE FLAG FOR AFRICAN LANGUAGES AND AFRICAN LITERATURES: This session pays particular tribute to the writings of Noni Jabavu, Peter Abrahams, CLS (Sibusiso) Nyembezi and ESKIA Mphahlele as the class of 1919 with leading authors and scholars looking at their literary legacy and the influence they have had on newer generations. It will also focus in particular on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the questions of the language(s) of African literature • the literature of solidarity and African coalescence • the assertion of African identity.
31-May-19	Love and Hope Africa Festival	Nkxwankowa (AFM Church)	It is an event aimed at encouraging all Africans to forge ahead with social relations. The festival is part of the broader Africa day celebrations.



31 May 2019	Africa Month Colloquia	Gauteng	AFRICAN SOLIDARITY FOR AFRICA'S PEOPLE: A NETWORKING AND DISCUSSION SESSION ON THE IMAGING AND IMAGINING OF AFRICA: This session focused on the imaging of Africa and forging intra-African solidarity for Africa's people. Authors from Mozambique, Zimbabwe and neighbouring countries in addition to South Africa will form part of a discussion panel to look at African solidarity in the midst of disasters and upheaval and stress the importance of African unity in bulding the economy, society and culture of the continent as a whole. Media will be present to be part of this discussion. Readings and music will be part of the presentation.
May DTC	Zimbabwe as country of focus		Pursuing the ideal of regional integration and bridging gaps between diverse cultures, and encouraging celebration of common heritage, Africa Month 2019 will shine a spotlight on the Xhosa speaking community in Zimbabwe. The program would include exhibitions, lectures and performances
May DTC	Engagement with Reference Group	Pretoria	Reference group was given an opportunity to reflect on 2018 program and also made recommendation for 2019 program. Meeting to present 2019 Africa Month Program is scheduled for 03 May pending Minister availability.



May DTC	Mpumalanga Fashion & craft show	Mbombela	To facilitate to local, national and international markets. Develop creative , design and business skills of craft entrepreneurs by providing accredited training oppourtunities.
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