



Call for application: Decolonise The Internet Edit-A-Thon for Womxn!

Have you ever looked for a topic on the **Wikipedia** and could not find it? It is probably because only a small fraction of Wikipedia articles is written by Africans, and even less by African Womxn.

Therefore, we are organizing an Edit-A-Thon to open up the world of **Wikipedia** to Womxn from Africa! If you want to learn how to write, edit and publish articles on the Wikipedia, then this is for you.

The project takes place in ten different countries in sub-Saharan Africa (Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa) and has different formats, such as edit-a-thons, podcasts and texts.

The aim is to encourage more womxn to take up the important task of adding knowledge to the world's largest online reference. This will increase visibility of issues that are important to both Womxn and Africans, as studies* have shown that most of the articles on the Wikipedia are written from Europe and the US – and articles written from Africa are mainly written by men. We particularly encourage you to write in insert language to increase the amount of articles found in that language. . All you need is access to a computer and a stable internet connection and you are ready to go! To register or get more information, **please send an email to elizabeth.mairura@goethe.de**.

Let's work together on making the internet a more equal place!

The Goethe-Institut's new programme "Decolonise the Internet" is focusing on bridging the unequal representation of voices from the Global South on the internet and wants to increase awareness on how AI and algorithms might perpetuate discrimination. The regional projects takes place in eight different countries in sub-Saharan Africa and has different formats, such as edit-a-thons, podcasts and texts.

**Cited Study: <http://geonet.oii.ox.ac.uk/blog/new-publication-digital-divisions-of-labor-and-informational-magnetism-mapping-participation-in-wikipedia/>*

There shall be (a) Wikipedia training online for all interested parties.

Send us a mail by 22nd June 2020

Training dates:

25th and 26th June. Time will be communicated closer to the dates.

There are attractive prizes to be won!!

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