



# NOVEMBER DECEMBER PROGRAM

GOETHE  
INSTITUT

## EVENTS

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### EXHIBITION: NAFASI

#### **Sisi Ni Hao – African Women in Photography**

26.10. – 10.11.2023, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

SATURDAYS, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

GOETHE-INSTITUT, AUDITORIUM

The exhibition “Sisi ni Hao” celebrates the unique perspectives of 13 East African female photographers on the complex and diverse experiences of womanhood. Their works range from portraits to documentary photography, exploring the interplay between empowerment and fragility, identity and representation, power and agency and tradition and modernity. In addition to the contemporary works, the exhibition will feature archival images of East African women taken by colonial photographers sourced from the Kenya National Archives. By placing these images alongside contemporary works, the exhibition provides a valuable opportunity to reflect on how the portrayal of East African women has evolved over time.

Curated by Sarah Waiswa.

#### **Other dates:**

02.11.2023, 6:00 PM Meet the artist Session, Goethe-Institut

10.11.2023, 6:00 PM Curatorial Walk through with Sarah Waiswa, Goethe-Institut

### WRITING WORKSHOP

#### **How to Write for both Local and International Audiences**

03.11.2023, 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

GOETHE-INSTITUT, LIBRARY

The writing workshop is brought to you courtesy of PEN KENYA and Goethe-Institut Nairobi. It will be in the form of talks and practical writing sessions and will be hosted by:

Tony Mochama, award winning novelist/ writer from Kenya (host)

Boris Fishman, the thrice New York bestselling writer and Princeton lecturer (panelist)

Prof. Mikhail Iossel, Head of the Creative Writing Program in Concordia Uni, Canada (panelist)

Gloriah Amondi, a blogger with Bikozulu and the Fence (USA) magazine short story 2023 winner (panelist)

### PLAY READING

#### **Role Play**

03.11.2023, 6:30 PM

Goethe-Institut, Terrace

The play delves into Kenyan society post-independence, through an act of role play, confronting the racial barriers and stereotypes that remain present. In a playful manner, John Sibi-Okumu takes a critical look at today's Kenya and presents an array of fascinating characters. The first performance of Role Play was given in Kenya at The Courtyard Theatre, based at the Nairobi Racecourse in 2004 as directed by John Sibi-Okumu.

## CONCERT

### **"Waridi" by Checkmate Mido**

11.11.2023, 6:00 PM

Goethe-Institut, Auditorium

Advance 1000/=,

Gate tickets at 1500/=

Curated by Checkmate Mido and Levi Wataka, "Waridi" features eclectic afro-hip-hop and poetic beatbox adopted for orchestra. The artists use music, art, and story as a form of therapy, wellness, and healing.

Tickets available at <https://checkmatemido.hustlesasa.shop>

## **Stammtisch with PASCH Alumni Global**

5.11.2023; 5:00 PM CET

26. 11.2023, 5:00 PM CET

Online Event

Pasch Alumni from Europe, South Africa and East Africa meet online in groups. Stammtisch provides a space for people to connect and network with each other while having fun with and improving their German language.

## **VIRTUAL TOUR OF SAXONY**

### **Living and Working in Germany**

16.11.2023, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM (EAT)

Online Event

Explore the east of Germany in the company of the Welcome Centers, the Goethe-Institut and the Welcome Coaches and discover this federal state. The Welcome Centers are at your disposal to support you in your integration into the cultural and professional life in Germany.

What awaits you on this tour? Cities and regions, nature and culture, culinary specialties, history, technology and innovation as well as professional opportunities and contacts.

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## **EXHIBITION: NAFASI**

### **By Them Mushrooms**

23.11. – 07.12.2023, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Goethe-Institut, Auditorium

Them Mushrooms are celebrating their fifth decade in music with an exhibition of their life and Legacy, showcasing the band's journey from its humble beginnings to international acclaim, as well as the impact they've had on Kenyan music. Curated by Them Mushrooms, the exhibition will feature photos, videos, and a collection of memorabilia from the band's history—including rare concert footage of them performing live around the world.

**\*More information about the extended exhibition programming and artist workshops will be posted on the Goethe-Institut social media channels.**

## **FEMLAB MIXER**

23.11.2023, 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

FEMLAB, THE MALL BASEMENT, WESTLANDS

The FemLab Mixer event intends to bring together the vibrant community of female creatives nurtured through the FemLab initiative and businesses or individuals seeking to tap into this incredible pool of talent. Our mission is to create an environment that goes beyond traditional networking, fostering genuine connections that lead to collaborative projects and employment opportunities. The vision is to establish an ongoing platform where creativity flourishes, and partnerships thrive.

## **ART TALK**

### **Art After Independence**

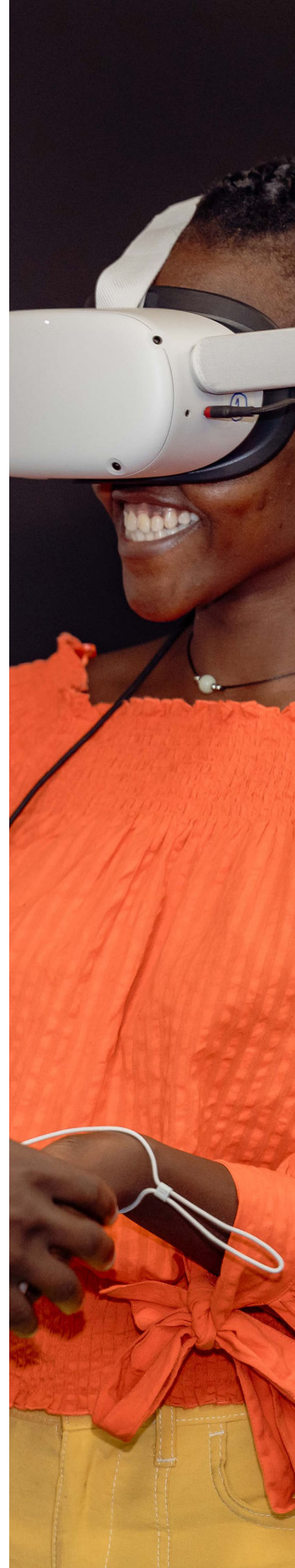
25.11.2023, 4:00 PM

GOETHE-INSTITUT, LIBRARY

Muhunyo Maina joins Elkana Ong'esa, a Kenyan artist and sculptor in conversation on art in post-independent Kenya.

\*Please note that all these events are free of charge unless stated otherwise.

Follow our social media pages to stay updated with the latest information as the details may be subject to change.





## LITERATURE FORUM

### Amka

25.11.2023, 10:00 AM – 01:00 PM

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This is a forum for upcoming writers and literary critics to share and discuss stories, poems and current literature trends with the aim of enhancing their creativity. It provides a space to listen to the voices of established and budding writers.

AMKA and the Goethe-Institut organize the monthly readings in the library of the Goethe-Institut every last Saturday of the month. Participation in the forum is open to both men and women.

Interested participants may send their poems and short stories to [amkaforum@gmail.com](mailto:amkaforum@gmail.com).

## PUBLIC READING + BOOK DISCUSSION

### Last House Before the Mountain by Monika Helfer.

30.11.2023, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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The public reading is a bi-monthly book reading and discussion that seeks to introduce German literature to a Kenyan audience. Excerpts of the book originally written in German are read in German and English by professional readers. This is followed by an open discussion about the book.

### Synopsis of the book;

Maria and Josef live with their children in a valley in westernmost Austria. When the First World War breaks out and Josef is drafted into the army, Maria is left to provide for her family alone. Every day is a struggle against starvation, the harsh alpine climate and the hostile nearby villagers who see Maria as little more than a beautiful temptress out for the men left behind. Source; goodreads.com

## OCCUPY THE MALL

01.- 03.12.2023, 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

THE MALL, BASEMENT, WESTLANDS

Turning one of Nairobi's oldest shopping centers "The Mall" into a space full of creativity and culture. Join us for a weekend featuring various talks, workshops, concerts, performances and much more to explore! Be on the lookout for more information on our Social Media Platforms.

## CONCERT SERIES

### THE JAM

01.12.2023, 6:00 PM

THE MALL, BASEMENT, WESTLANDS

The Jam concert series presents Nazizi, Groovy Jo, MC Sharon and DJ Sharn in its upcoming special edition at The Mall rooftop in Westlands.

## PLAY READING

### The African Mean Girls Play

08.12.2023, 6.30 PM

GOETHE-INSTITUT NAIROBI, TERRACE

1986, Ghana's prestigious Aburi Girls Boarding School. Listen to Queen Bee Paulina and her crew do all they can to remain popular. Who will be chosen for the Miss Ghana competition...and at what cost?

## CONCERT

### by Them Mushrooms

09.12.2023, 6:00 PM

GOETHE-INSTITUT NAIROBI, PARKING LOT

Closing their exhibition at the Goethe-Institut, Them Mushrooms will give a concert at the Goethe- Institut, celebrating five decades of their musical journey.

## VIRTUAL TOUR OF BRANDENBURG

### Living and Working in Germany

19.12.2023, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM (EAT)

ONLINE EVENT

Explore the north-east of Germany in the company of the Welcome Centers, the Goethe-Institut and the Welcome Coaches and discover this federal state. The Welcome Centers are at your disposal to support you in your integration into the cultural and professional life in Germany. What awaits you on this tour? Cities and regions, nature and culture, culinary specialties, history, technology and innovation as well as professional opportunities and contacts.

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# TRAININGS

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## LEGAL SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

### Copyright and IP

02. - 03.11.2023, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FEMLAB, THE MALL BASEMENT, WESTLANDS

Legal protection of creative work through intellectual property registration is crucial for creatives especially women, yet information around this subject is sometimes not easily accessible.

In collaboration with Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO) and GIZ, we were facilitating a six-week programme to share information about different topics concerning Copyright and IP. This week's final session will focus on CMOs.

On Friday, we will have one-on-one consultancy sessions centred on economically sustainable solutions and legal options for IP ownership with Moriasi Omambia (General Counsel and Head of Business Affairs for Sauti Sol Group Ltd), David Katee (IP Litigation Lawyer), Sharon Chahale-Wata (KECOBO Deputy Executive Director Training and Research) and Faith Amatika-Omondi (KECOBO Chief Legal Counsel). Registration for these consultations will be ongoing at the FemLab during the dialogue sessions on Thursdays.

On both days KECOBO will be offering FREE registration and re-registration of copyright for creatives. Please bring the following when you come by: the creative work you intend to register in digital formats (pdf, mp3, mp4 e.t.c), national ID, KRA Pin for individuals or registered creative businesses, business registration number where relevant, active phone number, active email address. If your work is co-created or co-authored please come with everyone who contributed to it.

## LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

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### EXAMINATIONS IN NAIROBI

#### A1

**Registration:**

30.10. - 10.11.2023

**Examination date:**

02.12.2023

#### B1

**Registration:**

30.10. - 14.11.2023

**Examination date:**

30.11. - 01.12.2023

#### B2, C1 & C2

**Registration:**

06. - 17.11.2023

**Examination date:**

07. - 08.12.2023

#### A2

**Registration:**

06. - 17.11.2023

**Examination date:**

04.12.2023

**Registration:**

30.10. - 14.11.2023

**Examination date:**

05. - 06.12.2023

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### VR AND GAMING SESSION

We are glad to announce that we have finally rolled out our VR and gaming sessions. These sessions will be offered once a month targeting the following groups: kids, students learning German, artists and creatives. The VR headsets contain various educational and fun content and games. Please keep checking our social media pages to stay updated with the monthly listings.

### ROBOT IN RESIDENCE

A NAO robot travelling through African countries as part of a regional project on diversity in artificial intelligences initiated by the Goethe-Institut is finally in Nairobi! The goal is to teach the NAO local cultural skills in the selected host countries and afterwards host various programmes and events with it. Please keep checking our social media pages for various listings of events where we will be using the robot.



## PASCH ALUMNI MEETING + SKILLS TRAINING

PASCH Alumni from Kenya and other parts of the world meet virtually to get skills training on how to find opportunities in Germany and how to create professional CVs. If you are an alumnus and wish to take part in this training or any upcoming ones, please send an email to Shirleen.Makena.extern@goethe.de. More information to be communicated soon.

## FEMBASE

Are you looking to work with a female creative but you're having trouble finding the perfect fit? Get in touch with FemBase, the Kenyan database for female creatives. Whether you're looking for a female videographer, musician or animator, the database has options for you. Get in touch through: [programm.nairobi@goethe.de](mailto:programm.nairobi@goethe.de)

Are you a female creative looking for engagements? Register with FemBase and get engagements beyond your networks. For the registration template, get in touch through [programm.nairobi@goethe.de](mailto:programm.nairobi@goethe.de)

## LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

As part of a new project by the Goethe-Institut which aims at preparing East Africans for migration to Europe, the Goethe-Institut Kenya is now providing free information, training and consultation to people who have decided to migrate to Germany. These programs are now available to individuals from Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda.

The project seeks to comprehensively prepare and support individuals for everyday and professional life in Germany while they are still in East Africa.

## BIBTOGO APP

BibToGo App is a new and user-friendly App for library members of the Goethe-Institut. After downloading the App, customize it by choosing the Goethe-Institut in your country. The initial activation is to be done by Goethe-Institut library staff who will link the App to your personal library account. Afterwards, one can borrow media and extend borrowing periods. Other features include keep track of their currently borrowed media, keep track of fines, access personal details, reserve media borrowed by others and track borrowing history. It is linked to the eLibrary service and the online catalogue. In the media recommendation section, one can access pre-defined recommendation lists from the library collection. The library staff can be contacted through the App via E-Mail or Messenger.

## ONLEIHE/ ELIBRARY

The elibrary is the digital library of the Goethe-Institut Kenya. You can download over 10,000 digital books, magazines, newspapers, music and films onto your computer, tablet or eBook-reader for a limited period. The service is free of charge, and one needs to register for it via our website [www.goethe.de/nairobi](http://www.goethe.de/nairobi).

## NEW LIBRARY

Our new, modern and innovative library offers current media about Germany, state of the art language learning media, a kids' section, digital corner and so much more. We welcome you all to come and register to become a member.

# GOETHE - INSTITUT INFORMATION

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**Please also note that our events are public events and that photos will be taken for PR purposes.**

Photo: The launch of the much-anticipated VR section in our library © Vincent Chepkwony

