MAY - JUNE PROGRAM

EVENTS

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!

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

Information Session in Eldoret

05.05.2026, 10AM – 1:00PM, Mother of Apostles Seminary

Are you an Eldoret resident preparing to relocate to Germany for professional or personal reasons? Join our "Mein Weg nach Deutschland" information sessions where we will share insights on life and work in Germany.

The Goethe-Institut Kenya supports East Africans relocating to Germany for work or personal reasons by providing free, essential information and access to networks that enable a smooth transition and successful integration.

BOOK LAUNCH + BOOK DISCUSSION

The New Carthaginians by Nick Makoha

05.05.2026, 6:00PM - 8:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Library

This event will be an evening of poetry, reflection and conversation as we celebrate the launch of The New Carthaginians by Nick Makoha. The book is a poetry collection exploring identity, exile and the 1976 Entebbe airport hijacking through a fragmented, surreal lens. It features a triumvirate of characters- The poet, a Black Icarus and artist Jean-Michel Basquiat- as they navigate a world where time is out of joint, blending personal history with myth. The collection is a deep dive into historical memory and fragmented identity.

GOETHE INSTITUT

CONCERT

The Jam

08.05.2026, 7:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Auditorium

The Jam will feature yet another round of amazing local artists. Come prepared to enjoy good vibes, discover new artists and create memorable moments.

The Jam is curated by Tangaza Magazine and features young, upcoming talent from the Kenyan music scene.

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

Information Session with Author Mirianne Mahn

12.05.2026, 10:00AM -12:00PM EAT, Goethe-Institut, Library

Join this information session on Living and Working in Germany with Cameroonian-German author Mirrianne Mahn, whose works on identity and belonging offer valuable perspectives for those planning to relocate to Germany.

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

What does it cost to live in Germany?

12.05.2026, 4:00PM - 5:30PM EAT, Online via Zoom

What costs will I incur when living in Germany? In this webinar, you will gain a clear understanding of the cost of living in Germany, covering: housing and rent, food and grocery prices, local public transport costs, leisure and lifestyle expenses, taxes, and insurance. The session will be conducted in German, with simultaneous interpretation available in English, French and Spanish.

This webinar has been organized in cooperation with our Welcome Coaches based in Germany.

Registration Link: https://meinwegnachdeutschland.portal.gap.goethe.de/de/service-offers/11afc6fb-b6c7-4635-a8c5-7fcf92309e13

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

Ask Us Anything

13.05.2026, 1:00PM - 3 :00PM EAT, Online via Zoom

In the process of relocating to Germany? Join our upcoming group consultation, tailored for individuals preparing for vocational training, employment, or settlement in Germany. Ask us anything and get helpful answers to guide you through your next steps with ease. Pre-registration is required. You will then receive a ZOOM link before the event commences.

Registration Link: https://forms.office.com/e/5PwpjTyvgp

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

Café Deutsch

19.05.2026, 4:00PM - 6:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Library

Welcome to our Café Deutsch, a dedicated conversational space led by a German native speaker. Participation is open to anyone with B1 level German and above.

Each session centers on a specific theme, with the May session focusing on workers.

Registration Link: https://forms.office.com/e/5PwpjTyvgp

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

Tips for your Tax Return

19.05.2026, 5:00PM - 6:30PM CAT/6:00PM - 7:30PM EAT

Online Via Zoom

In this webinar, discussions will center on income tax - the tax that is deducted from your wages, salary, or training allowance. You'll learn: how much income tax you have to pay, how paying the tax works, whether or not you need to file a tax return, how to file your tax return, and where to find help.

The webinar will be held in German. You can ask your questions in either German or English. This webinar has been organized by our Welcome Coaches based in Germany.

Registration Link: https://meinwegnachdeutschland.portal.gap.goethe.de/service-offers/d0490516-acad-4b64-8476-d76e9347f17b

LAUNCH + PANEL

Imagine Freedom – Anthology Launch

21.05.2026, 6:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Auditorium

The multi-faceted project Imagine Freedom is an exploration of the meaning of freedom and how it is played out, or not, by society. Over the last two years, we have been asking artists, writers and intellectuals as well as the public to engage with us on the various aspects of freedom in society, citizens' rights and obligations around it, the different spheres of influence on freedoms and given checks and balances around it. Next to three public panels and two podcasts, the project has also collaborated with artists and writers that will all feature in the publication Imagine Freedom.

Next to the launch of the anthology, we will also have a panel. The project Imagine Freedom is curated by Wanjeri Gakuru.

PANEL + WORKSHOP

Industry Talks: The Future of Nairobi Nightlife – The business, Culture and Evolving Sound

22.05.2026, 6:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Auditorium

DJs are no longer just selectors behind the decks, they are cultural curators, brand builders and key drivers of both nightlife and the wider music business ecosystem. As African music continues to dominate global conversations, DJs sit at the intersection of culture and commerce – breaking records, shaping nightlife experiences, influencing streaming trends and creating communities around sound. We will explore the art of curation, set building and crowd psychology, alongside the realities of bookings, fees, contracts, branding, endorsements and digital presence.

Make sure to follow our socials for all updates. Catch up or tune in here:
Spotify:https://open.spotify.com/show/5Ux4ozFkx6WaJIY0AZAl8N?si=69c6f0cf68ea41d1
Apple Podcasts: https://podcasts.apple.com/ke/podcast/vip-access/id1559467963
YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@anyikowoko
Stream on all platforms: https://linktr.ee/vipaccesspodcast
Industry Talks is curated by Anyiko Owoko.

FILM SCREENING: KAMERA KWANZA

Memories of Love Returned by Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine
27.05.2026, 6:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Auditorium

A chance encounter introduces filmmaker Ntare Mwine to photographer Kibaate Ssalongo, sparking a 22-year collaboration. The result is a moving tribute to art, remembrance, and community continuity. Together, they preserve a visual history that honors memory, artistry, and community in rural Uganda.
KAMERA KWANZA is Goethe-Institut and Docubox's long-standing film screening series collaboration that showcases African documentaries. The series takes place every last Wednesday of the month.

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

Pathways to Employment, Vocational Training and Recognition of Foreign Qualifications in Germany
28.05.2026, 10:30AM – 12:00PM CAT/
11:30AM EAT – 1:00PM EAT, Online via Zoom

In this 90-minute, interactive information session, conducted by the Central Placement Office for International and Specialist Workers of the Federal Employment Agency, you will receive valuable tips and information on the following topics:
• Recognition of academic and professional qualifications
• Job and vocational training searches
• Application letters and job interviews
• The social security system in Germany
This webinar has been organized by our Welcome Coaches based in Germany.
Registration Link: https://meinwegnachdeutschland.portal.gap.goethe.de/service-offers/0b2450fc-81c3-4d9d-a7c3-2021ae8c461e

LITERATURE FORUM

Amka
30.05.2026, 10:00AM - 1:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Library

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. The forum 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 as well as external venues. Participation in the forum is open to both men and women.
Interested participants may send their poems and short stories to amkaforum@gmail.com

CONCERT

The Jam
05.06.2026, 7:00PM, Goethe-Institut Auditorium

The Jam will feature yet another round of amazing local artists. Come prepared to enjoy good vibes, discover new artists and create memorable moments. The Jam is curated by Tangaza Magazine and features young, upcoming talent from the Kenyan music scene.

EVENT FOR KIDS (9-12 YEAR OLDS)

Brave Hands, Shared Stories
06.06.2026, 10:00AM to 1:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Library

A curated storytelling and creative engagement dedicated to children from marginalized and refugee communities. Through guided storytelling, conversation, and gentle creative expression, children explore courage as everyday acts of care, resilience, and belonging. The session creates a safe, affirming space for listening, sharing, and connection.
Themes: Courage, Belonging, Resilience, Home
Format: Facilitated storytelling circle, guided reflection, collective sharing
In partnership with Zamaleo Acts; In commemoration of World refugee day. Send an email via info-nairobi@goethe.de to reserve a slot

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

Ask Us Anything
09.06.2026, 1:00PM - 3 :00PM EAT, Online via Zoom

In the process of relocating to Germany? Join our upcoming group consultation, tailored for individuals preparing for vocational training, employment, or settlement in Germany. Ask us anything and get helpful answers to guide you through your next steps with ease. Pre-registration is required. You will then receive a ZOOM link before the event commences.
Registration Link: https://forms.office.com/e/HSB64PyCtq

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

How to improve your Career Prospects!
11.06.2026, 12:00PM -1:30PM CAT/ 1:00PM - 2:30PM EAT
Online via Zoom

In this webinar, a representative from the Federal Employment Agency will cover the following topics:

• What is the current labor market situation in Germany?
• Which industries are currently in need of qualified personnel?
• What skills (hard skills and German language proficiency) do I need to find a job in Germany?
• What makes a good resume?
• How does the German vocational training system work?
• How can I change jobs or careers if I'm already working in Germany?
• How can I continue my education or improve my German language skills?

The webinar will be held in German and simultaneously translated into Spanish, English, Arabic and French. This webinar has been organized by our Welcome Coaches based in Germany.
Registration Link: https://meinwegnachdeutschland.portal.gap.goethe.de/en-US/service-offers/502cb7d5-7e3c-472a-8f61-833212e3343d

PLAYREADING

Competition, and a Space for Reflection by Ato Malinda
12.06.2026, 6:00PM, Goethe-Institut Auditorium

The third installment of the playreading series showcases a play which allows difficult situations and predicaments within an African family dynamic to seep into the forefront as Ato Malinda entertainingly discusses the repercussions of trauma as they occur in a Kenyan work environment.
The playreading series is curated by Esther Kamba.

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

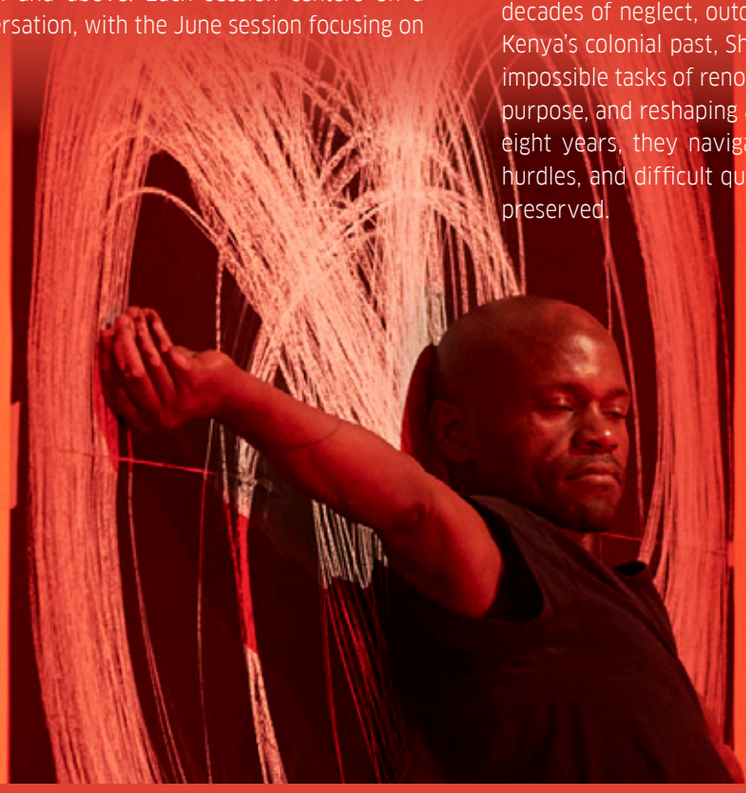
Information Session for Uganda
16. - 20.06.2026

Are you a Ugandan preparing to relocate to Germany for professional or personal reasons? Join us across multiple locations in Masaka and Kampala for information sessions on our "Mein Weg nach Deutschland" programme where we will share insights on life and work in Germany.
The Goethe-Institut Kenya supports East Africans relocating to Germany for work or personal reasons by providing free, essential information and access to networks that enable a smooth transition and successful integration.

LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

Café Deutsch
19.06.2026, 4:00PM - 6:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Library

Welcome to our Café Deutsch, a dedicated conversational space led by a German native speaker. Participation is open to anyone with B1 level German and above. Each session centers on a specific themed conversation, with the June session focusing on children's rights.



LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY

Tips and Tricks for Job Applications
23.06.2026, 2:00PM -3:30PM CAT/ 3:00PM - 4:30PM EAT
Online via Zoom

In this webinar, you will learn what a strong application should look like and how to write one using practical examples. The session will also cover the cover letter, CV, and the overall application structure, including attachments.
To help you apply what you have learned, you will receive links to the presentation, as well as additional sample and practice materials after the session. This webinar has been organized by our Welcome Coaches based in Germany.
Registration Link: https://meinwegnachdeutschland.portal.gap.goethe.de/de/service-offers/c4588eac-9c76-4952-ab7c-0c4f13ee9b7

VR AND GAMING

For Tech Enthusiasts
24.06.2026, 2:00PM - 4:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Library

In line with our digital as well as global learning strategy, we present our VR and Gaming sessions. The goal is to enhance the interaction of our target groups with new technologies and promote knowledge transfer.
The target group for this month is tech enthusiasts. We have a great variety of VR content and games that participants can engage in for fun and learning purposes. Additionally, we will host a renowned game developer who will showcase their game and give participants a chance to play along and enjoy the game. Send an email to info-nairobi@goethe.de to reserve a spot for this session.

FILM SCREENING: KAMERA KWANZA

How To Build A Library by Maia Lekow & Chris King
24.06.2026, 6:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Auditorium

Motivated by their strong admiration for literature, two women embark on a bold mission to decolonize downtown Nairobi's formerly whites-only McMillan Memorial Library. Faced with decades of neglect, outdated books, and the lingering ghosts of Kenya's colonial past, Shiro and Wachuka take on the seemingly impossible tasks of renovating the space, redefining the library's purpose, and reshaping access to knowledge. Over the course of eight years, they navigate bureaucratic resistance, fundraising hurdles, and difficult questions about which histories should be preserved.

KAMERA KWANZA is Goethe-Institut and Docubox's long-standing film screening series collaboration that showcases African documentaries. The series takes place every last Wednesday of the month.

LITERATURE FORUM

Amka

27.06.2026, 10:00AM - 1:00PM, Goethe-Institut, Library

This is a forum for upcoming writers and literary critics to share and discuss stories, poems and current literature trends to enhance their creativity. The forum 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 as well as external venues. Participation in the forum is open to both men and women. Interested participants may send their poems and short stories to amkaforum@gmail.com**.**

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS- IN MAY

Registration links for all workshops and trainings in May:
https://forms.office.com/e/5PwpjTyvgp
Please note that they will all take place online. Once you register, you will receive details on how to join.

GERMAN SPEAK SALONS

Are you planning to live and work in Germany but are struggling with speaking German? Our Speaking Salons are just what you need! Join us to practice conversations in a group setting, with the guidance of our trainers, and activate your spoken language.

Week 1 May
Speak Salon B1/B2 level
4th to 7th May: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Week 2 May
Speak Salon A1/A2 level
11th to 15th May: 9:00am - 11:00am
Week 3 May
Speak Salon B1/B2 level
18th to 22nd May: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Week 4 May
Speak Salon A1/A2 level
25th to 29th May: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

EXAM FORMAT TRAININGS

To take up employment in Germany, you need a certain level of German skills and to provide proof thereof. Our Exam Format Trainings equip you with necessary strategies and support to ensure you are properly prepared for the exams offered by the Goethe-Institut.

Week 1 May: B1
4th May: Mon-9:00am-11:00am
5th May: Tue-12:00pm-2:00pm
6th May: Wed- 11:00am-1:00pm
7th May: Thur- 8:00am-9:30am

Week 2 May: B2
11th May: Mon-9:00am-11:00am
12th May: Tue-12:00pm-2:00pm
13th May: Wed- 11:00am-1:00pm
14th May: Thur- 8:00am-9:30am

LEARNING STRATEGIES

To take up employment in Germany, you need a certain level of German skills. Our Learning Strategies workshops are designed to optimize learning of German for both mastery and visa. Pre-registration is required. You will then receive a ZOOM link before the training commences

Week 1 May: Learning Strategies
4th to 8th May: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Week 3 May: Learning Strategies
18th to 21st May: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

LANDESKUNDE
MY FIRST FEW WEEKS IN GERMANY

We are introducing a new workshop! This workshop is designed to help you confidently navigate practical steps to take upon arrival in Germany. You will learn how to handle essential administrative steps such as visas and registration, and understand key systems like housing, banking, education, and employment.
In addition, the workshop explores aspects of everyday life in Germany such as healthcare, mobility, family life and social integration. By the end, you will be equipped with the knowledge and tools needed to settle smoothly, make informed decisions, and feel at home in Germany. This workshop is best suited for participants in the final stages of relocation, supporting you as you prepare for your integration into German society.

Week 2 May: Landeskunde
15th to 15th May: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
https://forms.office.com/e/5PwpjTyvgp

TRANSCULTURAL WORKSHOPS

Our transcultural training workshop challenges you to reflect on your place as an individual in varied contexts and empowers you to navigate complex situations proactively with confidence. The training comprises of the following modules: transculturality, self-awareness, strengthening self-efficacy and independence, setting boundaries, and empowerment

Week 4 May: Transcultural Workshops
25th to 29th May: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS- IN JUNE

Registration links for all workshops and trainings in June:
https://forms.office.com/e/HSB64PyCtq
Please note that they will all take place online. Once you register, you will receive details on how to join.

GERMAN SPEAK SALONS

Week 1 June
Speak Salon B1/B2 level
18th to 21st June: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Week 2 June
Speak Salon B1/B2 level
8th to 11th June: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Week 3 June
Speak Salon A1/A2 level
15th to 18th June: 9:00am - 11:00am
Week 5 June
Speak Salon A1/A2 level
30th June to 2nd July: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Speak Salon B1/B2 level
30th June to 2nd July: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

EXAM FORMAT TRAININGS

Week 1 June: B2 Exam Format Training
2nd June: Mon-4:00pm-6:00pm
3rd June: Tue-2:30pm-4:30pm
4th June: Wed- 9:00am-11:00am
5th June: Thur- 9:00am-11:00am

Week 2 June: B1 Exam Format Training
8th June: Mon-9:00am-11:00am
9th June: Tue-12:00pm-2:00pm
10th June: Wed- 11:00am-1:00pm
11th Juene: Thur- 8:00am-9:30am

Week 3 June: B2 Exam Format Training
16th June: Mon-4:00pm-6:00pm
17th June: Tue-2:30pm-4:30pm
18th June: Wed- 9:00am-11:00am
19th June: Thur- 9:00am-11:00am

Week 4 June: A1 Exam Format Training
22nd to 25th June: 1:00pm-3:00pm

WORKSHOPS ON LEARNING STRATEGIES

Week 3 June: Learning Strategies
15th to 19th June: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

LANDESKUNDE
MY FIRST FEW WEEKS IN GERMANY

Week 2 June: Landeskunde
8th to 11th June: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Week 4 June: Landeskunde
22nd to 25th June: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

TRANSCULTURAL WORKSHOPS

Week 4 June: Transcultural Workshops
22nd to 26th May: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

GERMAN LANGUAGE

German Examinations in 2nd Trimester
View and register for upcoming German examinations via the following link: https://www.goethe.de/ins/ke/en/spr/prf.html

ANNOUNCEMENT

MEIN WEG NACH DEUTSCHLAND CALENDAR
We are in the process of transitioning our event registrations to the Mein Weg nach Deutschland Calendar, a global portal for all "Living and Working in Germany" events offered by Goethe-Institut. It is available in 15 languages and allows you to filter and select events according to your needs.
What this means for you:

1. A one-time calendar registration via https://meinwegnachdeutschland.portal.gap.goethe.de/en will create your user account. The first time you sign up for an event, you'll be asked to provide additional personal details, another one-time process. Thereafter, future event sign-ups will take just one click.
2. Access to MWnD events from across the globe for free.

FEEDBACK SURVEY
To help us gather feedback on our offerings, we are conducting a voluntary survey through this link: https://forms.office.com/e/3P05qNS3P3. We would also love to know which stage of the migration process you're currently in, as well as how we can better support you along the way.
AMIF Newsletter - Living and Working in Germany
Subscribe to our new newsletter if you wish to stay informed about our upcoming information sessions and events:
https://www.goethe.de/ins/ke/en/new.html

WHATSAPP CHANNEL! – LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY
Join our Living and Working in Germany WhatsApp channel: https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaaHmn7D8SDqWoAC932p We provide information about life in Germany that include topics such as language proficiency, qualifications and certificates, health and school systems and visa processes.

ACCESS OUR LIBRARY RESOURCES
Interact with our physical library offering printed and audio-visual media both in German and English that cover literature, kids' books, German culture, social Sciences, language, art, German geography and photography. Among other resources include our monthly VR sessions, kids' events, and school visits. We encourage you to register to become members: Ksh. 800 per annum. *Registration is free for our students learning German.

BIBTOGO APP
BibToGo App is a 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 e-Library 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
Download over 10,000 digital books, magazines, newspapers, music and films onto your computer, tablet or eBook-reader for a limited period via our e-library platform. The service is free of charge.
Register for it via our website www.goethe.de/nairobi

GOETHE - INSTITUT INFORMATION

Online Platforms:
Facebook: Goethe-Institut Nairobi
Instagram: Goetheinstitut_nairobi
Youtube: Goethe-Institut Nairobi
LinkedIn:Goethe-Institut Nairobi
Website: www.goethe.de/kenya

Email
info-nairobi@goethe.de

Telephone:
. +254 (0)20 - 221 1479
+254 (0)20 - 221 1381

Physical Address:
Maendeleo House, 3,
Monrovia Street,
Corner Loita Street

Postal Address:
P.O. Box 49468- 00100,
Nairobi, Kenya

General opening hours:
Monday–Friday
8.00am – 5.00pm

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!

Liability:
The Goethe-Institut Kenya is not liable for any injury, loss of life or loss/damages to personal property on its premises. Guests are encouraged to be cautious and conduct themselves appropriately at all times when on Goethe-Institut Kenya's premises. Please also note that our events are public events and that photos will be taken for PR purposes.
Photos: Jaridu dance performance by Jared Onyango.
Credit: Humphrey Gateri © Goethe-Institut Kenya