



# AFRICA ENVIRONMENT / WANGARI MATAI DAY



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# INTRODUCTION: WHO IS WANGARI MUTA MAATHAI?

- **WANGARI** MUTA **MAATHAI** WAS A KENYAN SOCIAL,
- ENVIRONMENTAL AND A POLITICAL ACTIVIST.
- AFRICAN WOMAN TO WIN THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.
- **BORN:** APRIL 1960 IN KENYA- **DIED:** SEPTEMBER 25,2011
- **OCCUPATION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST, KNOWN FOR THE GREEN BELT MOVEMENT
- **AWESOME QUOTE:** “IN THE COURSE OF HISTORY, THERE COMES A TIME WHEN HUMANITY IS CALLED TO SHIFT TO A NEW LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, TO REACH A HIGHER MORAL GROUND. A TIME WHEN WE HAVE TO SHED OUR FEAR AND GIVE HOPE TO EACH OTHER. THAT TIME IS NOW.”



# HISTORY OF THE AFRICA ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

Africa Environment Day or Wangari Maathai Day is celebrated annually on 3rd March. It was established by the Organisation of African Unity in 2002 (in two thousand and two) as a way of raising awareness of the pressing environmental challenges facing the continent. Since 2012, Africa Environment Day has been celebrated by the African Union in conjunction with Wangari Maathai Day, in order to pay tribute to the late Nobel Laureate's green legacy

- EMBLEM OF ORGANIZATION AFRICAN UNITY



# The context of the project

- THE [AFRICAN KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVE](#) (AKI) HAS TASKED [WIKI IN AFRICA](#) (WIA) AND [WIKIMEDIA COMMUNITY USER GROUP CÔTE D'IVOIRE](#) (WMUG IC) WITH THE CHALLENGE OF DRIVING CONTENT CREATION AND CONTRIBUTION USING THE VISIBILITY OFFERED THROUGH THE AFRICAN UNION'S WANGARI MAATHAI DAY (3RD OF MARCH).
- THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE PROJECT IS TO ENCOURAGE WIKIMEDIA AND OTHER COMMUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE CONTENT RELATED TO [AFRICA'S CLIMATE](#) TO THE [WIKIMEDIA PROJECTS](#) IN MARCH 2023 AND BEYOND! INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE FREE TO CONTRIBUTE IN A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT WAYS. THOSE WIKIMEDIA COMMUNITIES WISHING TO HOST TRAINING OR CONTRIBUTION EVENTS CAN [APPLY FOR A MICROGRANT OF ANY AMOUNT BETWEEN USD100 AND USD1500](#). THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THIS MICROGRANT IS 28 FEBRUARY.

# THE KEY PROJECT ACTIVITIES

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- . FACILITATING AND SUPPORTING AT LEAST 11 LOCAL WIKIMEDIA USER GROUPS AND VOLUNTEER GROUPS TO HOST TRAINING AND CONTRIBUTION EVENTS WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE KEY TOPICS.
- . THERE WILL BE OFFICE HOURS, TRAINING SESSIONS, AND ONLINE CELEBRATIONS.
- . THE TEAM WILL BE APPROACHING CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS, RESEARCHERS, ACTIVISTS AND ACADEMICS TO WORK TOGETHER WITH US ON THIS PROJECT. THESE PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES WILL ENSURE THAT WIKIMEDIA EDITORS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO VALIDATED AND UP-TO-DATE DATA, SOURCE MATERIALS AND QUALITY VISUAL EVIDENCE. THIS WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT QUALITY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

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# THE TOPICS

- **THE TOPICS** COVERED IN THIS FOCUS RELATE TO THE CLIMATES OF AFRICA, AND THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OR THREATS FACED BY COUNTRIES AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS AFRICA. DUE TO AFRICA'S HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE. FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT THE PROJECT WILL BE BI-LINGUAL : FRENCH AND ENGLISH.



# SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR YOUR GRANT APPLICATION

- GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS CAN BE SUBMITTED IN FRENCH OR ENGLISH. THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION MAY BE AWARDED REGARDLESS OF THE RECIPIENT'S GEOGRAPHY (ANYWHERE ON THE PLANET), BUT INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS LOCATED IN AFRICA WILL BE GIVEN MORE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.
- PROPOSALS SHOULD AIM TO IMPROVE ONE OR MORE OF WIKIMEDIA'S EXISTING WEBSITES, BUT PREFERABLY WIKIPEDIA AND WIKIDATA. IT IS STRONGLY ADVISED TO PROPOSE ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD ALIGN WITH THE LIST OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES ON THE AFRICAN ENVIRONMENT DAY HOMEPAGE.
- THE FIRST REQUESTS WILL BE SERVED FIRST, UNTIL THE FUND IS EXHAUSTED. ONCE THE FUND IS FULLY ALLOCATED, NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. THEREFORE, REQUESTS SUBMITTED EARLIER ARE MORE LIKELY THAN REQUESTS SERVED LATER.
- IN ANY CASE, REQUESTS WILL NOT BE RECEIVED AFTER FEBRUARY 28, 2023. THE FOLLOWING BASIC CRITERIA MUST BE MET BY ALL APPLICANTS FOR A PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED:
- PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THIRD-PARTY APPLICATIONS OR SERVICES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING AND WILL BE DISCARDED.
- GRANTEES MUST ADHERE TO THE UNIVERSAL CODE OF CONDUCT AND FRIENDLY SPACES POLICIES.
- ETC.....

# THE MICRO-GRANTS

- MICRO-GRANTS OF UP TO **1500 USD** WILL BE ALLOCATED TO LOCAL AFRICAN COMMUNITIES FOR THE OCCASION.
- SEVERAL TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED TO ORGANIZERS.

1) TRANSLATE A WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE RELATED TO CLIMATE AND THE ENVIRONMENT INTO THEIR LANGUAGE (LISTS)

2) CREATE OR IMPROVE A WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE FROM OUR CLIMATE LIST, WITH A FOCUS ON CREATING ARTICLES SUCH AS "THE CLIMATE IN COUNTRY X".

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## TYPICAL COSTS:

- INTERNET CONNECTION FEES, DATA VOUCHERS
- RENTAL OF A SPACE TO ORGANIZE AN EDIT-A-THON, CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE, SMALL GIFTS FOR PARTICIPANTS, BABYSITTING SERVICES DURING EVENTS
- SMALL TRANSPORT COSTS, REGISTRATION FEES AT A LOCAL LIBRARY, PURCHASE OF BOOKS, FOOD DURING THE EDIT-A-THON, RENTAL OF A PROJECTOR, SOCIAL MEDIA ADS
- SOFTWARE SERVICE FEES



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# TIMELINE

## CALL FOR MICRO GRANT APPLICATION

- START FOR SUBMISSIONS: **FEBRUARY 04, 2023/ 00:01 (UTC)**
- DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: **FEB 28, 2023/ 23:59 (UTC)**
- PROJECT LAUNCH DATE IS THE **3RD MARCH 2023**, WITH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO HAPPEN DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH.
- RESULTS DECLARATION: TO BE DECLARED ON **APRIL 25, 2023**.

# OTHERS INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

- **YOU CAN ALSO FIND ON OUR METAPAGE THE FOLLOWING:**
- **RESSOURCES LIST:** YOU CAN FIND THERE A LIST OF BOOKS LINKS AND OTHER MATERIAL AS SOURCE OF INFORMATION YOU CAN USE TO CREATE OR IMPROVE ARTICLES
- **EVENT:** YOU CAN FIND THERE A TABLE WHICH LIST IMPORTANT EVENT FOR THE PROJECT
- **RED LIST ARTICLES :** TO CREATE AND OTHERS TO BE IMPROVED
- FOR MORE INFORMATIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT PLEASE VISIT THE METAPAGE, HERE YOU HAVE THE LINK:
- **[HTTPS://META.WIKIMEDIA.ORG/WIKI/AFRICA\\_ENVIRONMENT](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Africa_environment)**

# Q&A

## THANK YOU



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