

WikiAfrica Schools



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*The WikiAfrica movement encourages individuals, invested groups and organisations to create, expand and enhance online content about Africa. This involves motivating for the representation of the continent's contemporary realities and history, its peoples and its innovations on the world's most used encyclopaedia, [Wikipedia](https://www.wikipedia.org).
www.wikiafrica.org*



*Wiki In Africa is a legal non-profit registered in South Africa that supports WikiAfrica movement initiatives with the aim of disrupting the existing narrative about Africa to fully reflect the diversity, cultures and rich contextual reality of its peoples on Wikipedia and other knowledge platforms.
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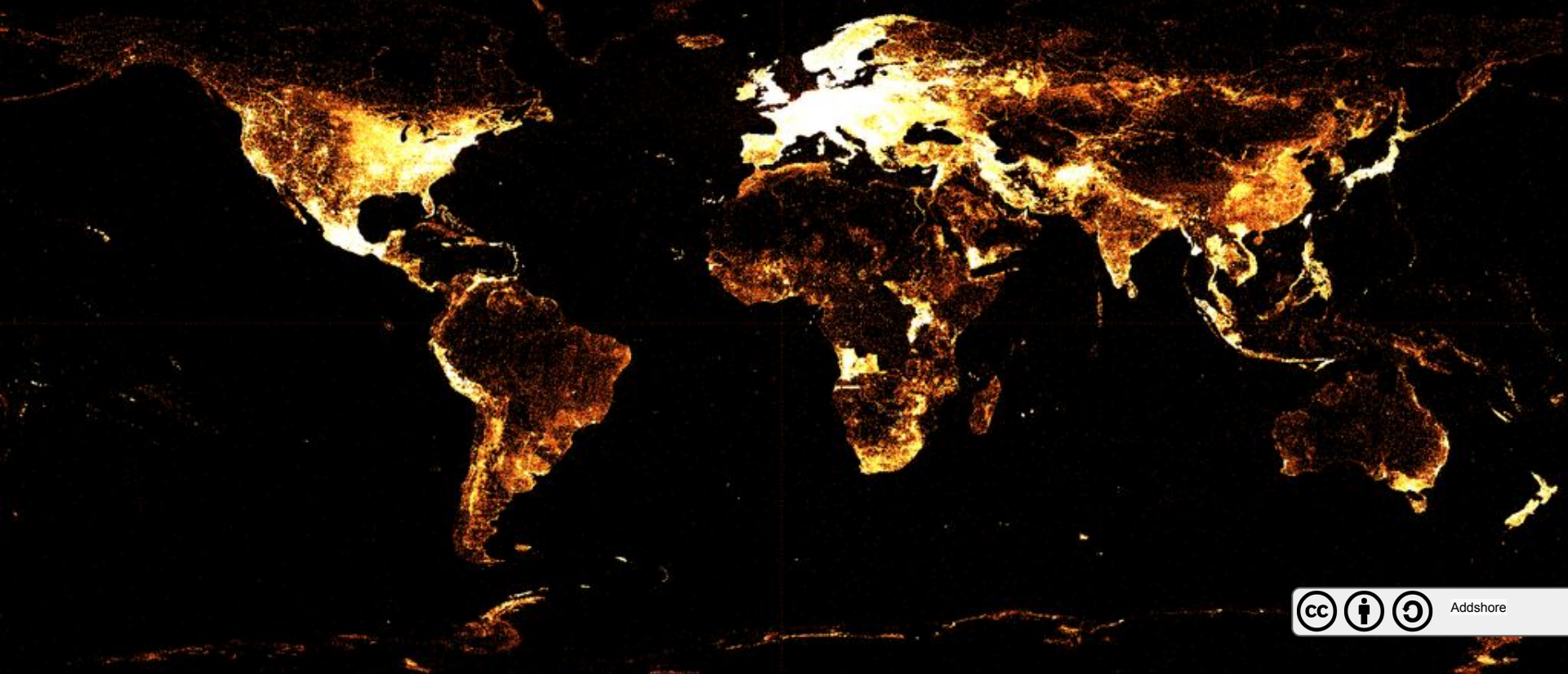
66% of world uses the internet ... only 20% in sS Africa



Note: Percentages based on total sample.

Source: Spring 2015 Global Audience survey. Q70 and Q72. PEW Research Center

Each dot represents a geotagged article on WikiData



What currently is on Wikipedia

More edits originate from Hong Kong each quarter than do from the entire continent of Africa over the same period.

There are, on average, 100 times more geotagged articles on France than in Africa.

Why it matters what is on Wikipedia

When looking on the internet, what do the ½ billion people across Africa below the age of 18 see about themselves? very little.



WikiAfrica Schools is ...

... working with education organisations to develop the next generation of content creators from Africa that are digitally literate, critical thinkers and understand the value of, and are proud of, their local knowledge.





WikiAfrica Schools video: <https://youtu.be/iKpoZIOzjfQ>

What WikiAfrica Schools does ...

- Builds a culture of contribution to the internet across Africa
- Moves beyond the challenges to access using WikiFundi
- Teaches users how to:
 - *Develop their critical and analytical thought*
 - *Assess available knowledge*
 - *Research thoroughly*
 - *Understand the importance of citable sources*
 - *Learn about copyright and plagiarism*
 - *Develop the technical and editorial skills to add content on local subjects to Wikipedia*
 - *Collaborate*
 - *Write real articles in an encyclopedic style for a global audience*
 - *Know that **their knowledge is valuable and valued.***



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WikiAfrica Schools Collaboratory discussion

- 8 month pilot
- Tuesday's Workshop
- Today ...

WikiAfrica Schools was initiated in collaboration with the Moleskin Foundation
This Collaboratory was facilitated by a grant from the Wikimedia Foundation.

Direction ... 1

Curriculum integration ...

1. In partnership with schools networks
 - a. Work with schools networks to implement the programme
 - b. WIA trains key facilitators within the network, they implement the programme
 - c. Examples of organisations: Independent and progressive schools network, groups of government schools, provincial schools network



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Direction ... 2

Curriculum integration ...

2. Scholarship obligations within existing teacher training or support organisations:
 - a. Work with organisations that already have existing relationships
 - b. WIA trains the teachers to implement WikiAfrica Schools within their schools
 - c. Examples of organisations: internship/student teacher programmes, scholarship programmes, teacher support networks, etc.



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Direction ... 3

Curriculum integration ...

3. WikiAfrica Schools tiered individual schools packages
 - a. Package of services offered for a set price
 - b. Resourced schools (local and international) and corporates invited to participate and pay for the collaboration with less resourced schools
 - c. Examples: school-to-school support; corporate bodies to sponsor schools



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Direction ... 4

Extra mural focus ...

- A. WikiAfrica Schools club template
 - Provide free and easy access to online resources, materials and suggested programme for schools to initiate and implement WikiAfrica Schools clubs by themselves
 - Examples: individual after schools programmes and holiday camp facilitators
- B. Existing programmes use to #decoloniseknowledge
 - Two options:
 - i. Mentorship programmes - university students working in schools
 - ii. Existing education programmes



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Direction ... 5

Additional package

5. Community voice

Provide templates and guidelines for additional literacy projects where a percentage has to be encyclopedia articles:

1. Community annual paper / publication
2. School paper
3. Local arts magazine
4. Community voices project (recording interviews with notable community members)



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Recap ...

1. Working in direct partnership with schools networks
2. Leveraging scholarships or obligations within existing teacher training or support organisations
3. Offer WikiAfrica Schools as tiered individual schools packages
4. WikiClub and Afterschools programmes
 - a. WikiClub templates
 - b. Mentorship – university students working in schools
 - c. Existing education programmes
5. Community Voice

.... Any other thoughts are welcome



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Thank you!



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