

# Japan's Contribution to Africa through UNESCO



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the People of Japan

Japan has been a steadfast partner of UNESCO and African countries, working together through various voluntary contributions. Our collaborative initiatives span all areas of UNESCO's mandate and reflect our shared commitment to advancing sustainable development across the continent.

## Major cooperation projects since 2020

### Culture

- Capacity-building for World Heritage nomination (Burundi, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, 2021- 2025 )
- Post COVID-19 World Heritage site management (Cabo Verde, Tunisia, 2021- 2025)
- Rehabilitation of the Majestic Cinema of Zanzibar (2021-2025, Tanzania)
- Conservation of wall paintings of the royal tomb (Egypt, 2023-2024)
- International Conference on Heritage Authenticity in Africa (2024-2025)
- Emergency protection of Gorée Island against coastal erosion (Senegal, 2024-)
- Safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in basic education (Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, 2024-)
- Capacity building for Intangible Cultural Heritage nomination (Comoros, Eq. Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Gabon, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Sao Tome and Principe, South Sudan , 2024-)

### Education

- Creating safe, supportive and resilient learning environment amid conflict and crises (Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Mali, South Sudan, 2024-2025)
- Peacebuilding through education and economic empowerment (Nigeria, 2024-2025)
- Capacity-building of teachers for safe and quality education for girls (Cameroon, Chad, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, 2024-)

### Science

- AI technologies and ethical risk (Botswana, Chad, DR Congo, Gabon, Kenya, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Zimbabwe, 2022-2025-)
- Building a culture of resilience in Africa and SIDS through innovation (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Rwanda, 2024-)
- Strengthening resilience to earthquakes (Morocco, 2024-)
- Building effective AI governance (Botswana, Chad, DR Congo, Gabon, Kenya, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Zimbabwe, 2025-)
- Enhancing flood resilience (Kenya, 2025-)
- Strengthening resilience on water-related disaster under climate change (Ghana, 2025-)

### Communication & Information

- Strengthening the role of judicial actors on freedom of expression and safety of journalists (Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, 2020-2022)
- ResiliArt: Women's entrepreneurship (Zimbabwe, 2021-2022)
- Preservation of ancient manuscripts in the Sahel (Mali, Sudan, 2022-2024)
- Preservation of African documentary heritage at risk (Ghana, Mali, 2025-)

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Joint efforts have led to tangible achievements across Africa in every area of UNESCO's mandate.



Reconstructed Kasubi Tombs,  
Uganda



Sierra Leone's first World  
Heritage inscription ©UNESCO



Preservation of ancient manuscript  
in the Sahel ©UNESCO



Training workshop in Burkina Faso  
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ResiliArt Accerator: women's creative  
entrepreneurship: Outreach to community ©UNESCO

**Our collective efforts continue.**

## Upcoming Projects in Africa

- Upscaling the Capacity-Building Programme for the Nomination of World Heritage Sites in the Africa Region: Second Phase (Burundi, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe, South Sudan)
- Resilience and Sustainable Recovery of the Tombs of the Buganda Kings at Kasubi (Uganda)
- Building Capacities for Safeguarding Living Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and Enhancing the Visibility of Africa's Living Heritage in the Lists of the 2003 Convention (Target countries to be determined)
- Building Resilience to Wildfires and Extreme Heat through Innovative Early Warning and Community-Based Solutions (Mozambique, Zambia)

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