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Cattle cannot resist drought any more



Adhe Dida, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Isiolo, Kenya - Pastoralists in Isiolo are unable to move their cattle to the slaughter house or market as the persisting drought has weakened them to the extent that they can no longer walk. They have now to carry them in trucks, which is likely to make life more difficult both for the pastoralists and the consumer. [View the video](#)

Climate change and everyday life



Deo Simba, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania- Livelihood is reported to have adverse effects on climate. There are many factors contributing to climatic changes. One is the clearing of forests and woodlands by human activities. Forests are not only vital to human beings for their livelihoods but they also play an important role in maintaining ecological balance. [View the video](#)

Bones as raw materials for artists



Beryl Ogunya, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Nairobi, Kenya - Who would think that bones could be useful? A group of young men from Nairobi have proved the usefulness of bones through crafting. They buy these bones from slaughterhouses and pick others from domestic trash. [View the video](#)

Arusha music industry lacks distributors



Joseph Aron Alam, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Arusha, Tanzania- Garson is a Tanzanian musician from Arusha and one of the leading figures in the hip hop band known as X-plasters. Like his colleagues, he like singing and producing songs, but once all the studio work has been done, there is no one to take the finished product to the market. [View the video](#)

'These monkeys are irritating'- Kenyan kids



Ramadhan Khamis, Nairobi, Kenya - Rowallan Camp is the headqatres of the Scout movemnt in Kenya and it is one of the few remaining forests within the capital. The camp is one of the sections of the Ngong Sanctuary and is located about an hour's drive from the city centre. Once there, one witnesses constant conflicts between monkeys and campers. [View the video](#)

I wish I had gone to school



Abisae Maeda, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Arusha, Tanzania- Illiteracy is still a major obstacle in Tanzania and many youths and adults have the sentiment that they have missed their chance due to the fact that they did not attend school. Having no qualification, they have to do physical jobs. 'If I had gone to school, I would have become a minister or a professor', says Samuel, a resident of Arusha. [View the video](#)

Editorial

Voicesofafrica crowned for e-inclusion



Olivier Nyirubugara, Senior Editorial Coach -The VoicesofAfrica mobile reporters and alumni have received special congratulations and encouragement from Sha Zukang, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, who was impressed by the way they allow their communities to bring out their initiatives and issues using mobile technologies. Zukang was attending the World Summit Award conference on September 2 in Monterrey, Mexico. 'I congratulate these African people for this success. I am sure they can do better with the advancement of technology', Zukang told Olivier Nyirubugara, a senior editorial coach of the project. Run by Voices of Africa Media Foundation, that two-year old project won the WSA Award 2009 in the category e-inclusion and participation. VoicesofAfrica mobile reporting project strives to empower local talents by equipping them with advanced phone and the necessary knowledge to operate them. Besides, the trainees receive trainings on the basics of reporting but also on advanced matters. This award is a third international recognition of the VoicesofAfrica: in 2007, the project was among the honorees of the Webby Award; in 2008 it won the BoB award for the best videoblog. [View the video](#)

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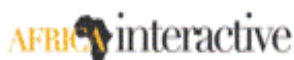
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