



# Voices of Africa

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## Empowering African Media Talents -- Voicing African Views

### Ghana: Mother tongues given primacy



**Francisca Nuvor, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Accra, Ghana** - The Ghana Education Service has launched a new programme on early reading and writing in the local languages in basic schools. The purpose of this programme which was launched in Accra was meant for pupils in kindergarten to primary three to get to know their mother tongue at the early stage. [View the video](#)

### East Africa engages in common market



**Abisae Maeda, VoicesofAfrica alumnus in Arusha, Tanzania** -From July 2010 onward, there will be no business restriction among the five members of the East African Community (EAC). The presidents of Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, and Burundi, signed on Friday 20 November the EAC common market protocol that will permit free movement of goods, capital, and labour force. [View the video](#)

### Cameroon: Locals welcome forest strategy



**Walter Wilson Nana, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Buea, Cameroon**-The World Wide Fund for Nature, WWF, and the Ministry of Forest and Wildlife, MINFOF, have resolved to integrate indigenous people in the management and classification of forests in Cameroon. MINFOF officials say the involvement of the indigenous population is a condition for the success of the new forestry policy in the country. [View the video](#)

### Meru: Demands for tents high as Christmas comes



**Peris Wairimu, VoicesofAfrica alumna, Meru, Kenya**-Christmas is still a month away but private people and organizations in Meru, Kenya, are rushing to book tents and chairs for their parties. In fact, the mode in which people organize parties in Meru has really improved due to the introduction of tents and chairs business. Tents are mostly used....[View the video](#)

### Ghana: No Swine Flu in Tamale



**Psalm Mark, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Tamale, Ghana**-Although swine flu has been detected in parts of Ghana, there haven't yet been any positive cases in Tamale. As of 31st July 2009, a total of 162,380 confirmed cases, with 1154 deaths from 168 countries across all continents have so far been reported to the UN World Health Organization. [View the video](#)

### Meru: Info campaign underway as Swine Flu hits



**Peris Wairimu, VoicesofAfrica alumna in Meru, Kenya**-Swine flu viruses have been recently reported in Meru, Kenya for the last 2 months. According to the area District Disease Surveillance Coordinator (DDSC) Mr. David Gitonga, the disease was first reported on 21 September and those in boarding primary and secondary schools are at high risk. [View the video](#)

## Editorial

### Another training phase underway in Ghana



#### Nana Kofi Acquah, Coordinator - West Africa-

Four young and enthusiastic Ghanaians started a six-month mobile reporting training in early November. Kester Aburam Korankye, Francisca Nuvor, Edward Kwame Aklade from the capital Accra, and Psalm Mark from Tamale, followed first a three-day workshop on the basics of mobile reporting. West-Africa regional coordinator, Nana Kofi Acquah, an experienced photo journalist, gave the training. Since then, the four Camera Journalists have been making and uploading reports on various issues, including the Swine Flu. The entire Voices of Africa Media Foundation wishes them good luck and is delighted to assist them on their way into their new career.

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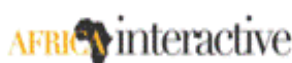
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