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The new Kenyan trainees



Adhe Dida
Isiolo



Beryl A. Ogunya
Nairobi



Yusuf Maleli
Kibwezi



Bulleh Kassim
Malindi

Living on drawing in Tanzania



Deo Simba, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania- Collins Mdachi, an artist illustrator explains that Tanzania lacks training colleges for artists to be. He says, many talents get lost because they don't find fertile grounds on which to grow and develop. This has resulted in there being very few artists (in the sense of illustrators). [View the video](#)

Obama's comment inspiring for Kenyans



Yusuf Maleli, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Kibwezi, Kenya -During his recent visit to Ghana, US president Barack Obama made a clear reference to Kenya as a country where democracy still has a long way to go. Kenya's democracy in the last five years was observed to improve even to an extent of earning it a good fame,...[View the video](#)

Cameroon commemorates Nelson Mandela Day



Walter Nana Wilson, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Buea, Cameroon - In Cameroon, like in South Africa and the US of A, the Nelson Mandela Day July 18, was commemorated for the second time after the first edition in 2008. A group of scholars and pan-africanists, under the platform christened Mandela Forum organised activities to celebrate the 91st birthday of the [View the video](#)

Arusha: Skilled disabled at work



Joseph Alam Aron, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Arusha, Tanzania-Despite his disability that hinders almost each of his movements, Levokatus Christophe has managed to make himself indispensable for the lames of his area, Arusha, in the North of Tanzania. He makes wheel chairs for fellow lames, and teach at the local school...[View the video](#)

Gambela : Displaced still at police station



Adhe Dida, VoicesofAfrica mobile reporter in Isiolo, Kenya- Many Internally displaced people are still at the Gambela police station where they have spent over a year following tribal violence in early 2008. This mobile report shortly shows the atmosphere among the IDPs... [View the video](#)

Editorial

Four young Kenyans join VoicesofAfrica



Olivier Nyirubugara, VoicesofAfrica Coordinator-Four young Kenyans were trained earlier in July on the basis of mobile reporting. VoicesofAfrica regional coordinator Ramadhan Khamis instructed the four new camera journalists - Adhe Dida Adhe from Isiolo, Beryl Atieno from Nairobi, Yusuf Maleli from Kibwezi, and Bulle Kassim from Malindi. Like the previous two projects in the same country, this one will last six months and cover local community-based issues, events, and perspectives. Since the beginning of the project in 2007, we have gained considerable experience with regard to the selection of candidates. The new Kenya team has two young ladies, and two young men, which is the target for subsequent projects in other countries. The new group of trainees has a major advantage over the previous ones: it will be monitored and guided directly from the ground by Khamis, who will make sure that each of the four meets the targets and follows the training programme step by step. However, our experience has also shown that the internet is not always an ally, especially in rural areas. The recently announced coming of the undersea fibre optic cable will certainly give a huge boost to the project. [View related video](#)

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