

# Africa Commons: History and Culture



Welcome to the inaugural newsletter of *Africa Commons: History and Culture*.

*Africa Commons: History and Culture* is the largest and most comprehensive database for searching and discovering African content. You can access it immediately, just go to <https://africacommons.net> to get started.

With over 400,000 documents, Africa Commons: History and Culture includes books, magazines, newspapers, historical journals, posters, letters, diaries, photographs, art, music and more. Below are a few examples.

One of the project's aims is to enable scholars and students of African heritage to find and access expressions of their cultural history in Western collections more easily, through digital repatriation. The project is also a tool for all libraries in their continued efforts to decolonize collections.



**NEWS:** [Africa Commons](#) has been selected as a finalist for the prestigious [ALPSP Award for Impact in Publishing 2023](#). The award celebrates significant initiatives, projects, or collaborations within scholarly communication and academic research that are making a positive difference.

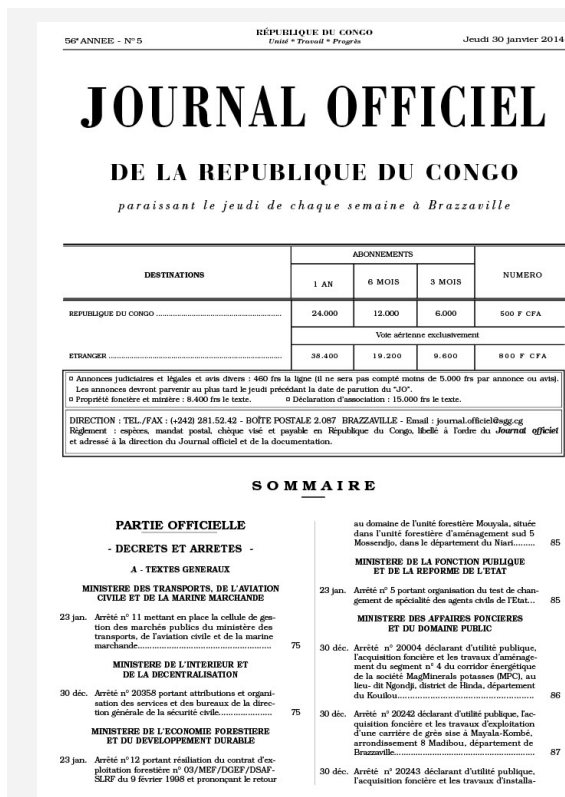


[The Journal of Sierra Leone Studies](#) is the first journal dedicated specifically to Sierra Leone. Topics and themes include educational systems, economic development, missionary work, voting behaviors, transatlantic slave trade, youth and labour, civil war, book reviews, and more.

[Digital Innovation South Africa](#) includes thousands of journals and magazines focusing on the sociopolitical history of South Africa, particularly the struggle for freedom during the period from 1950 to the first democratic elections in 1994, providing a wealth of material on this fascinating period of the country's history.

[Laws Africa](#) provides a comprehensive collection of hundreds of thousands of legal gazettes from various countries across the African continent, making legal information more accessible and understandable to citizens, legal professionals, researchers, and policymakers.

### National Gazettes



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YouTube: [Dr. Buhle Mbambo-Thata speaks about decolonizing knowledge](#)

As you explore [Africa Commons: History and Culture](#), we would love your feedback. We are continually making updates as the collection expands, and are eager to learn what content you'd like to see.

Interested in scheduling a training demonstration of *Africa Commons* with your faculty members, subject librarians, and researchers? Our editorial and engagement team are eager to [help](#).

Thank you!

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