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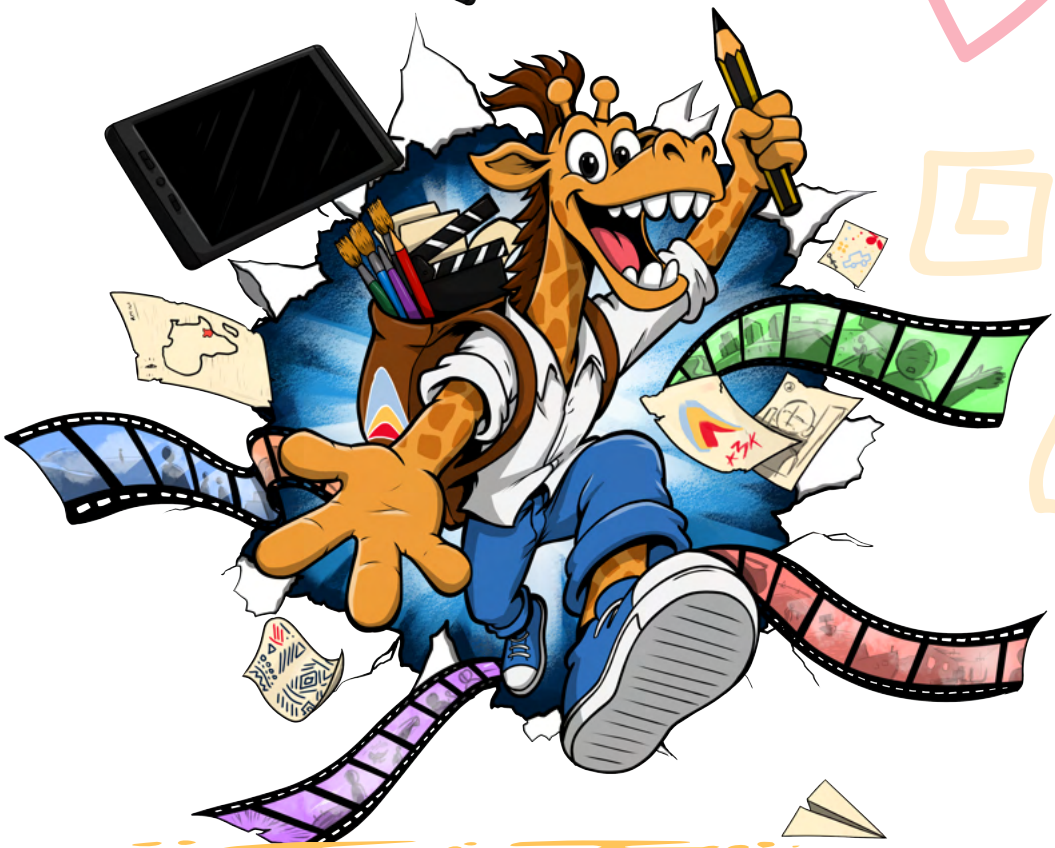
INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION DAY 2026 PROGRAMME



THEME: BEYOND BORDERS

| MANY VOICES, ONE FUTURE! |

VENUE
ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE
NAIROBI, KENYA

DATE
28TH
OCT 2026

IAD 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

07:30 - 8:30

| Arrival, Registration & Networking |

8:30 - 8:50

| Official Opening Ceremony

MC - Joseph Raina

- Welcome remarks from A3K Chair
- Recognition of Partners, sponsors & guests
- Launch of A3K animation Reel 2026

8:50 - 9:30

| Fireside Chat: When the global & local creative opportunities intersect

Moderator - Ernest Livasia

/ Panelist /

Ms. Harsita Waters - French Embassy
Mr. Hiroshi Maruoka - Japan Embassy
Mr. Dominic Mwirigi - Cots Cots LTD (Japan)

9:30 – 10:00

Briefer from Sponsors & Partners

CPF, MALTIVAS & YAKWETU

10:00 – 10:15

Health Break & Networking

Background: Looping short reels on screen, A3K montage and day's agenda.

10:15– 11:30

Panel Discussion 1: Beyond Borders; Building a Pan-African Animation Industry.

Moderator: Jeff Mandela
Venue - Alliance Française Main Auditorium

/ Panelist /

Njogu Wa Macharia - Writer & Director,Creator of Boy Boi | Dominic Mwirigi - COTS COTS LTD | Aibe Elukpo - Head of Triggerfish Academy

11:35 - 12:15

Animation Screening

Showcase of Pan-African animated works followed by moderated reflections

12:20 – 1:00

Special Industry Session: From Animation to Brand — Beyond the Screen

Moderator: Joy Alunga
Venue - Alliance Française Main Auditorium

/ Panelist /

Benjamin Waithaka | Stella Awuor | Kahenya Kangethe | Inyoung Cho

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13:00 - 14:00

Lunch Break & Networking

14:00 - 14:45

Panel Discussion 2: From African Stories to Global Screens

Moderator: Ciku Wainaina
Venue - Alliance Française Main Auditorium

/ Panelist /

Kelvin Shani | Sarah Mallia | Knnedy Kyalo | Kiarie Irimu

/ Workshop 02 /

Topic: The Indie Creators Distribution

Facilitator: Ann Ndanu
Venue: Multipurpose Room (3rd Floor)

14:45 – 15:00

A3K Competition Sneak Peek

Work-in-Progress Showcase Presentation from 3 (three) teams.

15:00 – 15:45

Panel Discussion 3: Visualizing Africa Beyond Borders

Moderator: Joy Alunga
Venue - Alliance Française Main Auditorium

/ Panelist /

Michelle Pike | Brian Omollo | Manal Omayer | Lawrence Bett

/ Workshop 03 /

Topic: AI and Future of Animation

Facilitator: Joseph Raina from JAS
Venue: Multipurpose Room (3rd Floor)

15:45 – 15:55

Screening: The Living Tapestry

Produced by Triggerfish Animation Studios

16:00 – 16:45

Panel Discussion 5: Our Businesses, Our Stories: Women's Stories of Growth and Change

Moderator: Joy Alunga
Venue - Alliance Française Main Auditorium

/ Panelist /

Olivia Okech | Aibe Elukpo | Two female animators who took part in the production of the Living Tapestry (Names TBC)

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16:45 - 17:00	**Health Break & Networking**
17:00 – 17:45	**Spacial Presentation from CPF** *County Pension Fund (CPF) presentation on their pension product for creatives and matters financial literacy.*
17:50 – 18:50	**Industry Networking & Open Mic Forum** *Theme: "Bridging the Gap – How Do We Grow African Animation?*
18:50 – 19:00	**Health Break**
19:00 – 20:00	**Short Film Screening - Kizazi Moto**
20:00– 20:30	**Closing Ceremony** *Highlights, recognition of partners/speakers, final remarks and group photograph.*
20:30 – 21:30	**Cocktails & Networking**
21:30 – 21:30	**Guests leave at own pleasure**

