Creative Industries Recovery Strategy

Building Balanced Social Enterprises

Resource Of Open Minds (ROOM)
Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA)
National Arts Council of Zambia (NAC)

10 – 11 November 2022
Palmwood Lodge, Lusaka
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Participants

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ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS

- HIVOS – Southern Africa Regional Office
- Ministry of Youth, Sports and Arts - Zambia
- National Arts Council - Zambia

ARTS ORGANISATIONS

- Alliance for Community Action
- Bongo Hive
- Creative Writers Bureau
- Music for Change
- Nerd Otaku

PROVINCES REPRESENTED

- Central (Mkushi)
- Copperbelt (Ndola)
- Eastern (Chipata)
- Luapula (Samfya)
- Muchinga (Chinsali)
- North Western (Mwinilunga)
- Northern
- Southern (Livingstone)
- Western (Senanga)

ARTISTS – LUSAKA

- Africa Directions
- Bantu Ndiwo
- Graffiti
- Music Promoter
- NAMA
- NAPSA
- Northern Film Production
- Peoples Action Zambia
- Sotrane Publishers
- Southern Writers Bureau
- Zambia Arts Adjudicating Panel (ZAAP)

TECHNICAL TEAM

- Moderator
- Rapporteur
Introduction

The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Arts (MYSA), in partnership with HIVOS and the National Arts Council (NAC), facilitated a two-day workshop that brought together representatives from across the arts sector from all regions of Zambia. The gathering was held at Palmwood Lodge, Lusaka on 10th and 11th November 2022.

The workshop had three objectives, as follows:

1. To engage in a capacity-building participatory workshop discussing how to build balanced social enterprises in the creative sector;
2. To review and explore opportunities in the draft National Arts Policy and the draft revised National Film Policy and how they can be instrumental in strengthening social enterprises;
3. To initiate thinking around social entrepreneurship and stabilization of the arts and media industry.

Welcoming participants to the workshop, the Moderator for the two days, Mr. Boniface Mumba encouraged participants to participate fully and freely. In his remarks, Mr. Mumba recognized the high-level representation from the Ministry and the financial support from HIVOS that was key to enabling the gathering.

As part of the introductions, participants were asked to share a personal interest and an expectation of the workshop.

Expectations

Common themes amongst the expectations expressed can be summarised as: (the full list is included in the appendices):

- Opportunities for networking – sharing – learning;
- Learn about funding opportunities/ improving financial sustainability in the sector;
- Review the National Arts Policy and the National Film Policy – ensuring it is inclusive and responsive – no Arts discipline left out!
- Learn about and share information on arts and media linkages;
- Work towards a professional, coordinated, well managed and economical Arts sector

Opening Remarks

HIVOS

In the first address of the workshop, Ms. Samantha Nengomasha the Project Manager for HIVOS, Southern Africa, began by giving an overview of HIVOS and its areas of work. She informed participants that HIVOS works towards solutions to persistent issues. In particular, key focus areas include climate justice, gender and equality issues.

Ms. Nengomasha also highlighted two HIVOS programs supporting the workshop’s agenda:

- Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA), which deals with issues of climate justice, and Resource of Open Minds (ROOM), which works with creatives to, amongst other things, open up society and offer alternative narratives towards:
• Creating open inclusive institutions;
• Meaningful and diverse civic participation;
• Closing up the digital gap;
• Bringing underrepresented voices into the digital space.

Some of the values promoted include:
• Decentralization of resources;
• Working in a bottom up approach;
• Encouraging independent critical voices that counter hegemony;
• Promoting creative independence and freedom of expression.

In closing, Ms. Nengomasha encouraged participants to freely share opinions, ideas, expertise and useful information that can be applied to formulating solutions.

Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts

In her keynote remarks, the Director for the Arts Department, Ms. Esther Ng’ambi welcomed and thanked all the participants for prioritising the workshop. She thanked HIVOS for partnering on the workshop, enabling representatives from the sector to gather amongst other things, review and input into the finalisation of the first ever Arts Policy.

Ms. Ngambi announced that the draft Arts policy was the first for the sector and provided an opportunity for better coordination and development of the industry. She highlighted some principles underpinning the policy, such as equity and engagement of minorities.

She also informed participants of the existence of a revised National Film Policy which had been finalized years earlier but never launched. She hoped that it would also be reviewed, updated and launched alongside the National Arts policy.

Other key messages from her address include:

• Acknowledgement that the constant migration of the Arts between different government ministries had resulted in a poorly coordinated sector and was a source of frustration for many people in the industry;
• A commendation of the government for moving from a unit to a full arts department in the new ministry (MYSA);
• Hope that the new arts policy would reflect the many voices in the sector and result in an inclusive policy;
• Hope that the National Arts Council Act would help create an enabling environment and legal framework supporting the sector;
• Acknowledgement that a policy development process was long, however she urged participants to move quickly so that, once approved, the new policy could pave way for an implementation plan for the industry.

In closing, she urged participants to:

• Actively participate, reflect and continue engaging with the Ministry and the National Arts Council;
• Share the policy within their networks to further expand and diversify the voices in the revision pool.
Mr. Maanka Chipindi, Director for the National Arts Council, used his address to present a context analysis of the issues underpinning the workshop agenda. He informed participants that NAC was a government agency established by an Act of Parliament. He also gave a brief history of how the arts sector had migrated through different ministries over the years.

Reflecting on the governments’ and publics’ interaction with the arts, Mr. Chipindi highlighted the shift in perception over the years, moving from:

- Arts mainly consumed as entertainment - “art for art’s sake”, to:
- Being viewed as community service, for entertainment and recreation, to:
- Being considered as a possible contributor to the economy, to:
- Arts being seen as a business.

The Director explained that, with this shift, impact created by the arts has become an important consideration. Thus, in recent years, data on the arts has been collected, however, this data was aggregated with data from other recreation areas, such as sports.

Mr. Chipindi, however, cautioned against narrow classifications, explaining that the arts were complex and had a diverse contribution which could not be narrowly packaged simply as a business or commodity.

Mr. Chipindi used the final part of the presentation to trace the process of developing the National Arts Policy, thus far:

- The Ministry / National Arts Council proposing/ conducting desk reviews
- In conjunction with the Cabinet office, consultations with stakeholders around the country (800 people consulted)
- Collected information drafted into a draft policy
- Draft satisfying required standard cleared by Cabinet Secretariat for further consultations / E.g. with participants at the workshop

Mr. Chipindi informed participants that following the workshop, there would be further consultations and revisions for a further few weeks. The plan was for the policy to be completed and launched before the end of December, 2022 for implementation in January 2023.

He highlighted limitations in resources and capacity both at the ministry and NAC as some of the challenges confronting the process, resulting in some voices not being reached.

Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA)

Mr. William Chilufya from HIVOS used his presentation on the Voices for Just Climate Action program to highlight some innovative ways of fundraising for the not for profit sector. He defined some terms in the climate discourse. (Full presentation is available in the appendices)
He informed participants that Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) is a consortium with WWF, AKINA mama wa Afrika, Slum Dwellers International and Avina which aims to amplify underrepresented citizens’ voices and scale up locally shaped climate solutions. Even if, the letter J was missing in the acronym VCA, he explained that climate change was firmly a justice issue.

Turning to issues of funding, Mr. Chilufya explained that creatives were not always able to source funds because:

- Sometimes, their accounting and management of funds was below par;
- Some were not always able to decipher complex funding applications, or
- Properly able to articulate their worth and what they have to offer.

**Next Level Grant Facility**

Mr. Chilufya used the forum to announce the availability of a funding source that participants could access – the Next Level Grant Facility form VCA.

He also reminded participants of the availability of funds from government via the Constituency Development Fund (CDF). 28 million Zambian Kwacha was granted to each constituency in the country.

In closing, Mr. Chilufya informed participants that more information could be accessed via the HIVOS social media pages on Twitter or Facebook. He also provided a contact email: wchilufya@hivos.org Ms. Nengomasha explained that HIVOS had systems and cycles for their grants, all of which were publicly advertised and transparent.

**Group Work**

**What Ideologies are Arts and Media Perpetuating?**

Participants were divided into groups according to whether they predominantly identify as:

- Artists
- Representing civil society organisations, or
- Creative Enterprises

Each group answered some questions that helped explore ongoing trends impacting on their sub-group.

**Artists’ Group**

This group examined the role of artists and current trends and ideologies in the arts scene and came up with following:

**Current ideologies in the arts scene:**

- There are many ideologies influencing artists
- Freedom of expression is a dominant ideology in the Zambian art scene

**Questions/ comments from Participants**

**How does HIVOS want to work with ARTISTS?**

✓ Mr. Chilufya explained that historically, Artists had helped with information dissemination. Artists had a responsibility of tackling social issues such as climate change and had experience in packaging information in a manner that is lasting.

✓ Artists could consider the impact that they can make in the climate agenda, towards climate justice and come up with simple local based solutions.

**Are there deliberate ways of engaging youths that are in Rural and remote areas for financing?**

✓ Not specifically in the Next Level Funding Facility, however, Mr. Chilufya explained that HIVOS had a history of working with and growing with small organisations as long as they met the specified requirements.

✓ In the case of CDF, youths had an increased chance of accessing funds because 20% of the funding was allocated to youths.

**Application processes can be complex. How has it been simplified?**

✓ In the case of CDF, participants were informed that Council Planning Officers were oriented on CDF funding and could guide on the application process.

HIVOS was commended for encouraging local ownership and not interfering with artistic content by a former beneficiary. (Ms. Sampa Kangwa- Wilkie)
- Social commentary is important to Zambian artists
- Money-making ideologies are influential in the arts – value addition
- Aesthetics – are artists expected to look a certain way?
- Artists may be ‘used’ by organisations
- Artists are used as a platform to communicate ideas
- Art belongs to the people of Zambia
- Art is a public good
- Arts must challenge vs arts must conform and reflect
- The economic situation in Zambia is limiting so artists often forced to conform
- Artists should try to create norms and be legendary
- Artists should be self-sustaining so that artists have freedom

Art/artists and issues of national identity: This group reflected on the following questions:

- Are artists influencing people to visit Zambia?
- Is Zambia experiencing an identity crisis? - People want to be American because art from the US has cultural influence
- Should artists strengthen Zambian identity?
- Zambia must export values through artistic products
- Is there a pan African identity and should Zambians appropriate African cultures?
- The importance of arts has not been fully understood

Group 2: Civil Society Organisations – What are the trends?

- Artists are slowly gaining control
- The advent of Covid – which limited artists work with CSO’s forced artists to tap into other opportunities
- Growth of satire, infographics
- Increase in collaborations between artists and organisations
  - More artists making contributions at higher levels

Confidence and Trust in Artists and CSO?

- Where is the entity to equip artists and fill capacity gaps in legal and financial matters?

Role of art/artists within civil society organisations

- Voice – emote - Social cohesion;
- The lack of a definition of its role leads to dissatisfaction among artists;
- To translate difficult ideas for the general public to understand;
- CSO messaging has no essence without art. Art gives value to the message;
• Artists are strategic partners in development;
• Public documents are translated/simplified.

**Group 3: Creative Enterprises - What is happening in the arts?**

• Serious growth of talent in the arts discipline—encouraging diversification in the arts industry in the country;
• Social media platforms are giving to artists' new opportunities – positive ways;
• Advancements in technology are also accepted in rural areas;
• Evolution of arts due to technology – Improving eg. In the film sector – how music is recorded (Can be done simply on a laptop)—progressive;
• Photography has evolved – advancements in technology has positively impacted photography – move to digital photography;
• Cultural erosion has affected activities in the traditional visual arts.

**What are the trends?**

• Perceptions that politicians are using artists;
• Arts contributes to the tourism sector as a global marketer;
• Mentorship – improving competitive advantage.

**What do creative enterprises want to achieve?**

• Decentralisation of awards from traditional centralised system which focuses on Lusaka
• An economically viable sector where artists benefit from their art
A plenary session with, open discussion, questions and comments followed the group feedback.

E-money: Is it used and trusted?
✓ Travelling participants from Zimbabwe were educated on the extent to which e-money was used. In the main, mobile money was very widely accepted and trusted across the country, however there was an increase in fraud on the platforms.

Do creative enterprises invest in other ventures aside from art?
✓ Most responded that they did not because of limited financial capacity, the idea was welcomed by others

What was the criteria for granting monies? – Appears that grants were awarded to already established artists
✓ NAC Director explained that in the case of NAC, this was the first of the kind – a 30 million funding pot attracted applications worth 680 million.

Was there a sense of entitlement to funding amongst some artists?
✓ Appears to be different benchmarks amongst artists, in some sectors there was a big move towards professionalism
✓ 5 new private visual galleries had opened in recent years

“A cry to be valued should go with offering a product that is valuable.”
(Jennifer Zulu – Southern Writers Bureau)

Inequality in pay: Should the industry prescribe minimum payments?
- formalization – transparency?

CSO – Gatekeepers in terms of ideologies: Do you refuse work when it is not aligned with your organisation’s values/ideologies?
✓ One organisation, Soltrane Publishers, indicated that they only undertook work that was aligned to its values.

It was felt by some participant that the moral standard “beyond reproach” expected of artists was unrealistic – some artists were clear that they did not subscribe to being viewed as role models.

End of Day 1
Day 2 Recap

Day 2 began with a recap of Day 1. The Moderator, Mr. Boniface Mumba, asked participants to highlight the key take-home points from the previous day. Below is a summary of some key points:

- Opportunities provided by the new Arts Policy and Film Policy
- Discussion of challenges within the sector and the opportunity to come up with solutions
- The relationship between Civil Society Organisations and Artists -
- There was a reflection that the views on culture that were aired on day one may have missed out
- Art as a business and added investment opportunities to support art work

Presentation of the National Arts Arts Policy

A broad overview of the draft national arts policy was presented to solicit input from participants. As a preamble to the presentation, participants were asked to give a word/words that defined what a policy document was. The words commonly used include:

- Guide
- Framework
- Roadmap

Mr. Chipindi begun by highlighting the reasons why the policy was developed:

- To respond to the changes in the arts value chain;
- To respond to the demands of a growing arts sector in Zambia;
- To domesticate regional and international protocols;
- To improve artists’ welfare;
- To create an enabling environment, responsive to current needs
- To leverage arts to achieve social and economic change.

The full presentation of the Art policy is included in the appendices. Following the presentation, participants were spit into the same groups from day one to review and provide recommendations towards the finalization of the policy. Participants were urged to focus attention on the reasons for the policy and ensure that the policy addressed the points mentioned above.

A compilation of all the recommendations is included in the appendices.

In the discussions following the plenary presentation of the recommendations the following themes dominated:

- Language – some words (e.g. promote) were seen to be overused, while others were seen to be too prescriptive (e.g. should);
- Appreciation for NAC and the Ministry for engaging artists at this stage;
- Concern /advice - request to give the review process more time and end up with a very good document, rather rush to a mediocre document that could only be reviewed after 5 years;
- Others viewed that it was better to move and have a working document and an opportunity to review later;
• Participants were invited to go back to their communities and networks – share the document and send back recommendations to the prescribed email (2 weeks’ deadline).

**Summary of recurring themes**

• Agreement that, thus far, the arts are treated as ‘tenants’, being constantly moved from one ministry to another; Art was shifted by every new government, without artists being consulted, leaving them feeling dispensable.
• Need for a professional, well managed, well-coordinated and economical arts sector;
• Need for more information on sources of funding for the sector;

**Presentation of the National Film Policy**

• NAC Director, Mr. Chipindi presented on the Film Policy. He highlighted the reasons why the policy was developed:
  • To strengthen the coordination of the film industry;
  • To promote skills development;
  • To strengthen public/private partnership;
  • To promote collaboration;
  • Promote the creation of data collection systems
  • Strengthen legal framework

Mr. Chipindi, explained that the policy had already been approved, however, it had never been launched. This was therefore an opportunity to review and revise, before launching. (see the full presentation in the appendices) and invited Participants were invited to review the policy and send feedback and comments to:

zedartspolicy2022@gmail.com

**Question: Why was film singled out to have a policy?**

✓ Mr. Chipindi explained that there was also a Cultural Policy from 2003.
✓ In relation to the film policy – it was suggested that its origins might have come from the need to regulate and respond to big international studios coming to make films in Zambia in the last decade.

**Presentation on Negotiation skills**

Since artists are often called to be activists and lobbyists, Mr. Mumba made a presentation on negotiation skills to share some key skills needed to achieve consensus. A summary of the consensus requirements and 7 keys to negotiation are shared below. (Please see the full presentation in the appendices)

**Consensus**

• Requirement need – what brings parties together?
• Agreement - both parties care that their respective interest is reflected in the outcome
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- Bigger picture – what part of a discussion matters most. Not everything

7 keys to successful negotiations

- Posture – Affirmative but not arrogant
- Present themselves well
- Display confidence
- Find common ground
- Keep an open mind – flexibility is critical
- Explore instead of offering – dialogue is critical
- Accept that silence is golden

In the discussion that ensued, participants agreed on the need to be aware of social and other norms that influence how behaviors /posture are perceived.

Closing and conclusions

Speaking on behalf of the participants, Mr. Sydney Muponda, from Soltrane Publishers, thanked the organizing partners, HIVOS, MYSA and NAC for bringing together artists from different disciplines to learn from each other. He thanked fellow participants for the value brought to the discussion. Whilst acknowledging that a lot of learning had taken place – he reflected that there was room for arts to get better. He urged everyone to continue the conversation and continue networking. He thanked the moderator for allowing free and open discussions and the support team for ensuring the workshop ran smoothly.

The moderator, Mr. Mumba thanked all the organisers, for the opportunity to work on the workshop. In particular, the thanked Mr. Chilufya from HIVOS for mentoring him.

Speaking on behalf of HIVOS, Ms. Nengomasha extended her appreciation to NAC and the Ministry for creating an environment where critical discussions could be had. She thanked all the participants for sharing their thoughts and contributions. Artists were encouraged to look out for the call for Next level funding which would open in March 2022

In her closing remarks, Director for the arts at the MYSA, Ms. Ngambi echoed the appreciation expressed by the other speakers. In addition, she urged participants to consult as much as possible and send feedback on the Art Policy to ensure that the recommendations fed into the first ever art policy that would make a difference to the sector. She also thanked the Chief Planner at the Ministry, Madam Audrey, for all her efforts. She declared the meeting closed.

End of meeting

Post Workshop Organisers’ Debrief

During the online post-workshop organisers debrief held on the 16th November, the 3 partnering organisations reflected on the following:

1. How far they had achieved the objectives set before the meeting:
   - HIVOS:
     HIVOS announced that all three objectives were fully met. (Awaiting workshop report)
   - MYSA/NAC:
The NAC Director reported that all objectives were fully met - there was an explosion of feedback on the Art Policy - information via email was still being received.

2. **Next Steps:**

   - **HIVOS**
     
     - Administratively – most payments already processed
     - Awaiting reports
     - Report internally – to the global Program Manager and the Regional Director for Southern Africa
     - Publish tools
     - Follow up on any continuing or upcoming work (VCA)

   - **MYSA/NAC**
     
     - Follow up on photos from HIVOS
     - Awaiting reports
     - Conclude consultations on Art Policy by the end of November
     - Conclude Policy by end of December
## Appendix 1: Workshop List of Stakeholders

**CREATIVE ECONOMY RECOVERY STRATEGIC WORKSHOP**  
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Appendix 2: Participants Expectations

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- Attending fully and participate fully
- Have a coherent meeting
- To have all art disciplines included
- Understand the program fully
- Networking with other participants
- Wanting to see a well-coordinated program
- Through the arts – to share multicultural values
- Learn
- Getting new perspectives – sharing cultural differences - an opportunity for narrative change
- Connecting to get more information
- Come up with a way of improving finances – improving financial sustainability
- For a recovery strategy that will be implemented
- A cohesive and open discussion and interaction
- To share knowledge on art administration and linkages
- Share history knowledge
- Seek collaborations
- To learn what is on the ground
- To find government spaces to paint murals
- To have an inclusive art policy
- To team up with other participants
- To learn what we don't know
- To know more on media linkages
- Learning how to share different arts in the arts industry
- To look at opportunities at narration change
- Being able to share more ideas
- Create space for artists
Appendix 3: HIVOS Presentation: Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA)

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VCA - Voices for Just Climate Action

The climate crisis hugely effects nature and has a devastating impact on human life – and rights. We are at a critical juncture. In our fight against raising temperatures and in transforming our societies in a sustainable, just and inclusive manner.

The tipping point is now. There are huge opportunities to effect change. We need to renegotiate unequal rights and reimagine and recover the balance between people and nature.

We believe this is only possible through next level local civil society leadership and ownership. Through innovation, a climate justice approach, and strong coalitions for just climate action.

What is the problem?

The climate crisis hits the most vulnerable the hardest. People already living in poverty are far more vulnerable to climate shocks because of their unsafe living conditions, insecure livelihoods, and the lack of access to resources to adapt and build resilience.

Nature and biodiversity are at great risk, worsening vulnerable people's situation even more due to their dependence on them. Seen through this lens, the climate crisis exacerbates inequalities, undermines democracy, and threatens development and our ecosystem at large.

The current economic system that brought us the climate crisis persist and is part of the problem.

Existing climate governance does not adequately support inclusivity. On the contrary, as the climate crisis worsens, civic space is shrinking. The voices of local people are rarely heard when climate decisions are being made, with women, youth, indigenous people and other marginalized groups being the most noticeably absent - and yet it is these groups, especially in the global South, that will bear the brunt of climate change impacts.

This attitude is pervasive beyond decision making. Climate finance is repeatedly failing to reach local solutions and the people and nature that need it most. Currently, only 1 out of 10 USD of climate finance goes to local-level climate action.

A troublesome trend and missed opportunities as local communities and civil society organizations are often innovative agents of change. They take highly contextualized and integrated development action that benefit from critical local and ecosystem knowledge, yield greater and more inclusive social and economic returns, and are ultimately more sustainable in the long run. Hence, they are indispensable in the global fight against climate change.

We need a new approach that connects these diverse groups and acknowledges their power, agency and voice to lead transformational change. Only when local civil society has ownership over climate action, the transition will be effective, inclusive and just.

Who are We?

We are Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA). Our alliance brings together global and local voices by connecting a diverse range of civil society organizations representing women, youth, indigenous people, urban poor, digital activists and more. The alliance is led by four strong Southern CSOs – Akina Mama waAfrika (AMwA), Fundacion Avina, Slum Dwellers International (SDI) and SouthSouthNorth (SSN) – and two Global CSOs – Hivos and WWF-Netherlands.

OUR SHARED VISION

A world where civil society is heard and respected. A world where civil society co-creates locally relevant, inclusive and fundable climate solutions. A world where local civil society is an agent of change and influences policies and practices to the benefit of these solutions. As part of local and global responses to the climate crisis, these climate solutions will deliver real benefits to people and nature.

We will work on this vision through three strategic interventions

1. Mutual capacity strengthening for co-creating alternative scaled climate solutions
2. Agenda-setting and movement in climate action through amplified storytelling
3. Joint lobbying and advocacy to make policy and financial flows responsive to locally shaped climate solutions.
OUR APPROACH

VCA presents a fair, just and solution-oriented agenda that integrates social and economic rights into climate action. Together – alliance partners and local civil society organizations - we create a democratic playing field and amplify the inventive local solutions to spur a broader development. By doing so, we are set to shape a new reality for people and nature.

COUNTRY SELECTION

The countries we work in are strategic choices based on economic importance and challenges faced in terms of climate vulnerabilities and limited civic space. At the same time, many interesting local initiatives and movements are emerging in these countries, providing opportunities to show how we can transition to a just, fair and sustainable world.

Participating regions and countries include:

- East Africa: Kenya
- Southern Africa: Zambia
- Latin America: Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay
- Southeast Asia: Indonesia
- North Africa: Tunisia

Local ownership

We build broad societal support for local solutions and stimulate action from diverse perspectives and alternative approaches. We facilitate new unexpected coalitions that protect and expand civic space and engage in inclusive dialogue that builds mutual trust. In doing so, we shift ownership to local civil society and support them in movement building, raising their voice to the global level and challenging power balances.

Climate justice through gender justice

We see women leadership as key to ensuring the voices of marginalized groups are heard. Gender equality is a building block for a powerful approach to climate justice. By acknowledging the root causes of the problem and integrating an intersectional analysis, we seek to address inequalities and transform power relationships based on gender and identity, race, and class, among others.

JOIN VOICES FOR JUST CLIMATE ACTION

VCA is set to effect the amplification of locally-shaped climate action and play a pivotal role in the global climate debate. For more information about the program, our agenda and how to collaborate with us, Please contact us via info@voicesforclimateaction.org.

Next Level Grant Facility - NLGF

1. Small informal organizations that do not have the capacity to apply and report on more formal grants but that represent local right holders and work on local climate solutions. Initial guidance on “small” is organizations with yearly cashflow below 100,000 EUR/yr and with only few (partly) paid staff members.

2. Individuals: NLGF will also fund to individuals. Climate activists, journalists, local climate champions are not always acting on behalf of a (formal) organization, while threats to these individuals can be very serious.

Purpose

- Emergencies, unforeseen activities or newly arisen opportunities contributing to the VCA Theory of Change. Examples include:
- Tools or other equipment to respond to (political or human rights) climate emergencies (please note this of limited size – not more than Euro 10,000, only with respect to climate activists/human defenders)
- Support to grass root organisations to join meetings (and need to cover costs for transport) or quickly respond on (proposed) decision by local of regional governments (communication costs, travel) to strengthen local activism.
- Rapid response for the safety of environmental defenders/ climate activists.

NLGF to start next year.
Appendix 4: NAC Presentation: NATIONAL ART POLICY

CREATIVE ECONOMY RECOVERY STRATEGIC WORKSHOP

Content

- Introduction
- Session Objectives
- 2022 Draft National Arts Policy
- Implementation Plan (print-out, just an overview)

Introduction

The Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts has undertaken to develop the National Arts Policy and its implementation plan, due to the following reasons:

- Changes in the arts value chain
- Lack of comprehensive arts policy framework
- Growth of the arts in Zambia
- Need to domesticate regional and international protocols
- Improve artists welfare and working conditions
- Leveraging Arts to achieve social and economic development
- To create an enabling environment that is responsive to the needs of the sector

Session Objectives

- To obtain widespread stakeholder input on:
  - National Arts Policy
  - Implementation Plan for the National Arts Policy

Situational Analysis

Key Focus Areas:
- Arts business and creative industries
- Increasing role of ICT in the arts
- Arts education and capacity building
- Arts infrastructure development
- Arts research and development
- Legal and Institutional Framework
- National Identify and social development
- Cross-cutting issues

Highlights
- Arts mandate moved from Ministry of Tourism to Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts
- The arts, entertainment and recreation’s GDP growth has been unstable. In 2017 it the AER shrunk by -4.0%, then grew by 12.2% in 2018, then shrank again in 2019 by 3.8%, then the COVID brought about downturn of up to 71.5%. In the post COVID of 2021 the AER grew by 25.2%.
- The Zambia Labour Force Survey of 2019 indicates that, the arts, entertainment and recreation contribute a total of 22,118 jobs

Vision, Rationale and Guiding Principles

VISION

“A creative, dynamic and sustainable arts sector contributing to national development”

RATIONALE

- Lack of policy framework to sustain growth and undiminished coordination
- Rapid changes and development in the Arts sector
- Challenges such as limited infrastructure, limited access to finance, opportunities for capacity building
- Low leveraging of ICT growth
- Unfavourable working conditions for artists

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Patriotism and National Unity
- Human Dignity
- Equity and Social Justice
- Morality and Ethics
- Democracy and Constitutionalism
- Non-discrimination
- Right to art
- Accountability and transparency
- Good governance
- Sustainable Development
- Artistic expression
Objective and Measures – Growth of the Arts Sector

Objective: To promote the growth of the arts sector in Zambia.

Measures:
- Facilitate increased access to finance
- Promotes arts management skills development
- Facilitate increased access to arts products and services
- Promote investments in the arts sector
- Facilitate the creation of quality control system for arts products and services
- Promote access to markets

Objective and Measures – Arts and ICT

Objective: To promote the increased utilization of ICT in the arts sector.

Measures:
- Facilitate increased access to ICT in the arts sector
- Facilitate monetisation of digital content

Objective and Measures – Arts Infrastructure

Objective: To promote the investment and development of the Arts sector infrastructure and spaces.

Measures:
- Promote the inclusion of arts infrastructure in Local Authority planning, zoning and development
- Facilitate Public and Private sector investment in arts infrastructure and spaces
- Promote equitable availability and access to arts sector infrastructure and spaces

Objective and Measures – Arts Research and Development

Objective: To promote research for the development of the arts sector.

Measures:
- Facilitate research of various art forms
- Promotion of the creation of systems for art data and statistics collection

Objective and Measures – Arts Education and Capacity Building

Objective: To facilitate the provision of Arts Education

Measures:
- Ensure that arts education is available and accessible in schools and communities
- Encourage prioritisation of qualified Zambian professionals in the sector

Objective and Measures – Legal Framework

Objective: To strengthen the legal framework for a thriving arts value chain.

Measures:
- Facilitate the review of existing pieces of legislation and regulations that govern the arts sector
- Facilitate the ratification and domestication of international instruments

Objective and Measures – Cross - Cutting Issues

Objective: To mainstream Gender, HIV/AIDS, Disability and Environment in Arts Development.

Measures:
- Integrate gender, HIV/AIDS, disability and environment in all policies and programmes
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FURTHER COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO;

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Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts
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## Appendix 5: National Art Policy: STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS – Recommendations Writing

### Creative Economy Recovery Strategic Workshop

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Appendix 6: NAC Presentation: NATIONAL FILM POLICY

CREATIVE ECONOMY RECOVERY STRATEGIC WORKSHOP

Republic of Zambia
Stakeholder Consultations
NATIONAL FILM POLICY
November 2022

Situational Analysis
- Key Focus Areas:
  - Film Infrastructure, Equipment and ICT
  - Coordination in the Film Industry
  - Skills Development and Partnership
  - Financing of the Film Industry
  - Research and Development
  - Governance, Values and Principle
  - Legal Framework
  - Cross-Cutting Issues

Highlights
- Film mandate moved from Ministry of Tourism to Ministry of Youth, Sport and Film
- Number of television stations increased from 3 to 5, expanding opportunities for filmmakers
- Local content policy has further expanded demand for the audiovisual content

Vision, Rationale and Guiding Principles
- Vision: A competitive, sustainable, vibrant Zambian film industry that contributes to national development

Rationale
- Social, cultural, technological and economic developments have changed the dynamics of the film industry
- Time has come to improve the capacity and infrastructure, equipment and financing
- Need for a coordinated governance mechanism
- Growing role of the film industry in national development and GDP contribution

Guiding Principles
- Partnership and National Unity
- Quality Film
- Innovation and Creativity
- Government and Community Support
- Accessibility and Transparency
- Sustainability and Impact

Objectives and Measures – Infrastructure, Equipment and ICT
- Objective: To promote investment in film infrastructure, equipment and ICT
- Measures:
  - Establish film infrastructure development
  - Promote the use of ICT in the film industry
  - Support acquisition of film equipment and tools

Objectives and Measures – Coordination of the Film Industry
- Objective: To strengthen the coordination of the film industry
- Measures:
  - Strengthen collaborative mechanisms in the film value chain
  - Establish Film Commission and Film Council

Objectives and Measures – Skills Development & Partnerships
- Objective: To promote skills development in the film industry
- Measures:
  - Facilitate the workforce of the film industry

Objectives and Measures – Financing the Film Industry
- Objective: To enhance the financing of the film industry
- Measures:
  - Strengthen Total Environment Fund
  - Promote the formation of partnerships for financial and technical support
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### Further Comments and Observations

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