

# Activities

## Sierra Leone Centre of ITI (Africa)

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#### Activities 2012

- **World Theatre Day** Celebration: February 27 - March 27. Organized Annual Inter-Secondary School Drama Competition 24 Schools competed.
- May 25, 2012. Coordinated Cultural performances for the United Bank for Africa (UBA) in celebration of **Africa Liberation Day**. Three cultural groups participated.
- April 19 - 26, maiden Annual **National Cultural Festival in Freetown**. Coordinated the event in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.
- **Workshop on Playwriting and Play Development**, December 3 - 7. In order to prepare teachers for the Inter-Secondary School Drama Competition in March, 2013, we organized a Five Day training workshop participating schools.

#### Activities 2013

- March 12 - 27. Annual Inter-Secondary School Drama Competition in celebration of **World Theatre Day**. Elimination performances: March 12 - 15, Semi-Finals: March 20, Finals: March 27, at the British Council Hall in Freetown on the theme "Overcoming lawlessness for national development"
- Inter-Secondary **School Drama Competition**. May 13. Coordinated Inter-Secondary School Drama Competition for the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and the Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children's Affairs in partnership with the National Secretariat for the Reduction of Teenage Pregnancy on the theme "Let Girls Be Girls, Not Mothers" during the launch of the Reduction of Teenage Pregnancy Act at the Miatta Conference Hall in Freetown.
- **Workshop on Playwriting and Play Development**, September 9 - 13. Organized workshop on play writing and play development for young theatre playwrights at the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs conference hall. 35 young theatre playwrights participated.
- **International Music Day**, October 1. The Centre collaborated with Performing Arts Union of Sierra Leone (PAUSL) to organize a One-Day conference with local musicians on the theme "Understanding the Copy Right Act of 2011" at the conference hall of the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs
- **Africa Liberation Day**. Coordinated cultural performances for a the United Bank for Africa (UBA) in celebration of Africa Liberation Day. Performances took place in three of their branches in Freetown.
- Annual National Cultural Festival in Freetown. April

19 - 24. The Centre collaborated with the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs to organize that festival in Freetown. Participation of all esoteric groups, cultural dance troupes, cultural bands, schools and colleges, etc.

#### Activities 2014

- **Workshop for Teachers on Play Development**. January 10 - 14. Organized play development workshop for teachers who did not attend the last workshop. 25 schoolteachers participated.
- **Africa Regional Council Workshop**. March 1 - 8, the President and the Secretary General of the Sierra Leone Centre attended the workshop in Abidjan.
- Annual Inter-Secondary **School Drama Competition** in celebration of World Theatre Day, 2014. March 10 - 27. Elimination performances: March 10 - 14. Semi-Finals: March 20. Finals: March 27, at the British Council hall in Freetown. 32 schools participated.
- Annual **National Cultural Festival**, April 19 - 24. This time we collaborated with the Ministry to organize the festival in the provincial town of Bo in the Southern Province of Sierra Leone. As usual, all sectors of cultural groups participated.
- **International Dance Day**, April 29. For the first time in Sierra Leone, we were able to celebrate International Dance Day in grand style. There were various cultural performances in eight zones in Freetown during the day. We took the city by surprise. It was highly appreciated. And at night, some of the groups were selected to perform at the British Council Hall in Freetown. Attended by a considerable number of parliamentarians, INGOs and NGOs, diplomatic missions, schools and colleges and the general public.

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