

MEDIA RELEASE

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ATT: NEWS EDITORS

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AFRICA LIVE! EVENT, 16 JULY 2005, 12:00 TO 18:00

More than 30 African nations are participating in this Expo, most of them jointly as a common pavilion in Global Common 5, drawing on the strengths of the individual countries to project a powerful picture of the unity of this continent in all its diversity. This provides a rare opportunity for all visitors to get in closer touch with the living reality of Africa today.

The communal spirit of sharing of Africa will be celebrated at the **AFRICA LIVE!** event where Africa - the Cradle of all Mankind - invites and welcomes all humanity to share in the awareness of our common origin, a true expression of the Expo's theme '**Nature's Wisdom**'.

We are inviting our friends from other Global Commons, visitors from Japan and all over the world to share in our spirit of enjoyment, love and friendship, cherishing the opportunity to make this a truly global exposition and a memorable day.

The event will be attended by VIP's from many cities in Japan and other participating countries at the Expo 2005 and will be presented LIVE! at the **Expo Dome on 16 July 2005, from 12:00 to 18:00**. Major highlights include:

- A colourful string of cultural and musical performances hosting some of the best and world famous African artists from 12:00 to 18:00.
- A "**Fashion Parade**" - an exposé of Africa's unique designs and garbs jointly organised by African countries and their Japanese Friendship Cities between 16:00 and 18:00.
- "**Africa Live Contest! & Fashion Parade**" between Friendship Cities, attire from the participating African countries, including award ceremony, between 16:00 to 18:00.

Day and Time: Saturday, 16 July 2005 from 12:00 to 18:00

Venue: Expo Dome, Nagoya, Japan

Front desk: Media front desk, Entrance of the Expo Dome, from 11:00 to 18:00

List of Performers:

Part 1: Wiston Mankunku Ngozi Band
Phuzekhemisi Band
Hugh Masekela Band and Sadao Watanabe (as a special guest)

Part 2: Adogony Baudouin Euloge (MC)
Ghana Embassy Resident Band (Ghana)
Doumbia Mamadou (Mali)
Ballet Sinomew (Zambia)
Ngumi (Gabon)

We look forward to seeing you!