

Sub-Saharan Africa's 2025 Cultural Spectacle: From Afrofuture to Incwala Festival

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1. Which Sub-Saharan African country will host the Afrofuture 2025 festival, known for its fusion of Afrobeat music, technology, and culture, from December 27th, 2025, to January 3rd, 2026?

- A) Nigeria
- B) Kenya
- C) Ghana**
- D) Senegal

2. The Incwala Festival, regarded as Eswatini's most sacred festival, offers a glimpse into African royal traditions. In which month and year is it typically celebrated, bridging two calendar years?

- A) August-September 2025
- B) November 2025 - January 2026
- C) December 2025 - January 2026**
- D) October 2025 - November 2025

3. FESTAC AFRICA 2024, described as Africa's oldest and biggest cultural festival, was hosted in Kisumu, Kenya, from August 25th to September 1st, 2024. What was its central theme?

- A) "Unity in Diversity"
- B) "Sustainable Growth Trajectory for Africa through Culture, Trade, Travel, and Tourism"**
- C) "Bridging the African Diaspora"
- D) "Celebrating African Renaissance"

4. The Chale Wote Street Art Festival, known for transforming city streets into open-air galleries with murals, fashion, and music, is a prominent event in which West African capital city?

- A) Lagos, Nigeria
- B) Accra, Ghana**
- C) Dakar, Senegal
- D) Abidjan, Ivory Coast

5. In Eswatini, the Umhlanga Reed Dance is a significant cultural event. It typically takes place in late August to early September. Which of the following is a primary focus of this ceremony?

- A) Celebrating the harvest season
- B) Honoring the King's birthday
- C) Showcasing traditional dances and maiden's purity**
- D) Commemorating the country's independence

6. The African Union (AU) commemorates various days. Which of the following is observed on April 7th, marking a significant historical event on the continent?

- A) Africa Day
- B) Day of the Battle of Cuito Cuanavale
- C) African Union Day of Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda**
- D) Africa Environment and Wangari Maathai Day

7. The Saint-Louis Jazz Festival, celebrated for its Afro-jazz heritage, is a major music event held annually in which Senegalese city?

- A) Dakar
- B) Saint-Louis**
- C) Goree Island
- D) Ziguinchor

8. Which of these festivals, held in Eswatini, is described as one of the few where ancient monarchy meets modern pride, involving warriors in elaborate attire and the king leading ancestral rituals?

- A) Umhlanga Reed Dance
- B) Incwala Festival**
- C) Swazi Cultural Festival
- D) Lobola Ceremony

9. The Timket festival, a deeply spiritual celebration in Ethiopia, reenacts a significant biblical event. On what date is it observed?

- A) January 1st
- B) March 3rd
- C) January 19th**
- D) April 7th

10. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) is set to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in May 2025. This occurs amidst a significant political development where three founding members have announced their withdrawal to form the Alliance of Sahel States (AES). Which of these is NOT one of the withdrawing countries?

- A) Mali
- B) Niger
- C) Burkina Faso
- D) Senegal**